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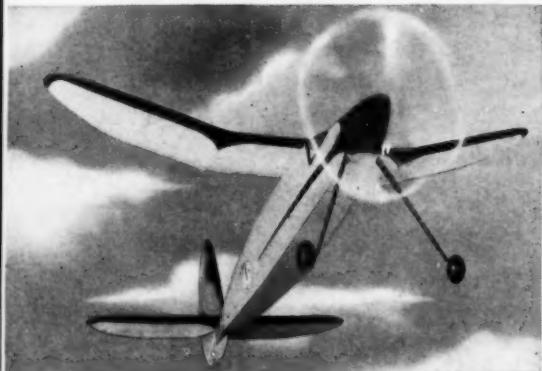
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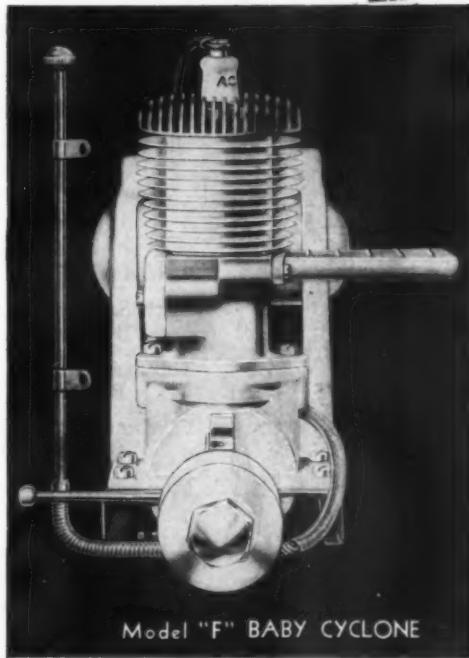
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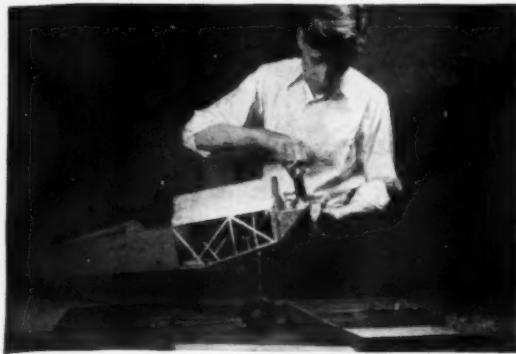
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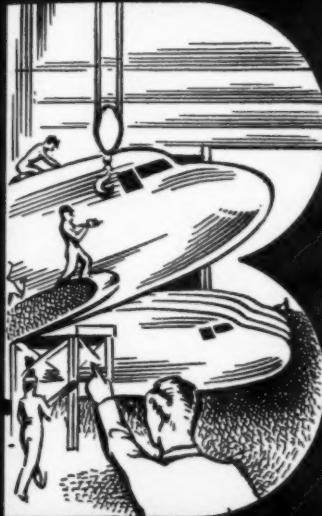
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# Reflections Of The 1938 Nationals





The latest Martin bomber designed for large scale production has two 1830 hp. engines. (Interntl.)

# Uncle Sam Turns to the Bomber

WHEN President Roosevelt and Congress started the new drive for U.S. Air Corps expansion nothing much was said about what type planes would be purchased to help bolster our air defense. However now the secret is out. Uncle Sam is going

to help the doughboys and other ground forces, which means the Air Corps has taken a new interest in attack aviation.

As proof of this sudden change of trend procurement, early in March officials at Wright Field opened bids on three attack

bombers, a comparatively new type of fighting plane which heretofore has seen little service by the army. Behind closed doors Air Corps officials and aircraft manufacturers discussed contracts and bids which ranged from \$993,000 for a single plane to \$51,000 for each plane in lots of 2,000.

Three of the new high-speed bombers were flown to Wright Field by the Glenn L. Martin Corp., Balti-

more, Maryland, the Stearman Aircraft Corp., Wichita, Kansas, and the North American Aviation Corp., Inglewood, California. The planes were entered in the biggest army competition since 1934, when Boeing Company, Douglas and the Martin Corp. sent new design to the field for the famous "contest of the three" which resulted in the purchase of such planes as the "Flying Fortresses," the Douglas B-18's, and the Martin B-12's.

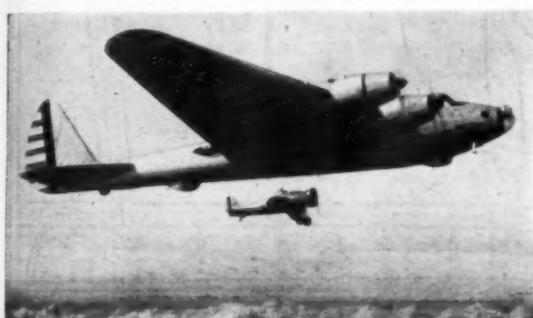
This year's competition has two of the original three competing again, Stearman Corp. being part of the Boeing Company. Douglas is expected to send a last minute entry. If this ship arrives in time it will be one similar to the Douglas light bomber that crashed last February with a French Air Ministry official aboard—the ship that started a political scandal relative to America's "secret foreign policy."

The new attack bombers, according to reliable information, are capable of speeds in excess of 300 miles per hour while carrying at least half a ton of bomb load.

An Air Corps officer close to the procurement activities for a number of years told this writer:

"We already have giant bombers in service which are capable of carrying great loads of explosives for long distances, but at present the Air Corps lacks a good, fast, light, attack bomber.

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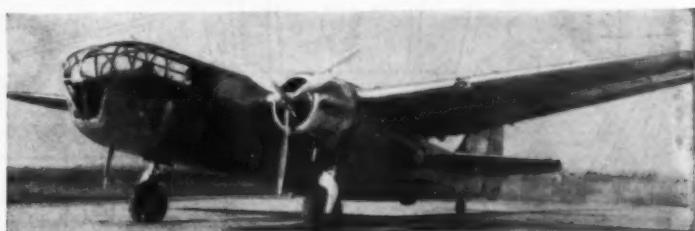
The giant Boeing B-15 bomber. This type acts as the second line of defense. A pursuit plane is beneath it. (Off. U.S. Army)



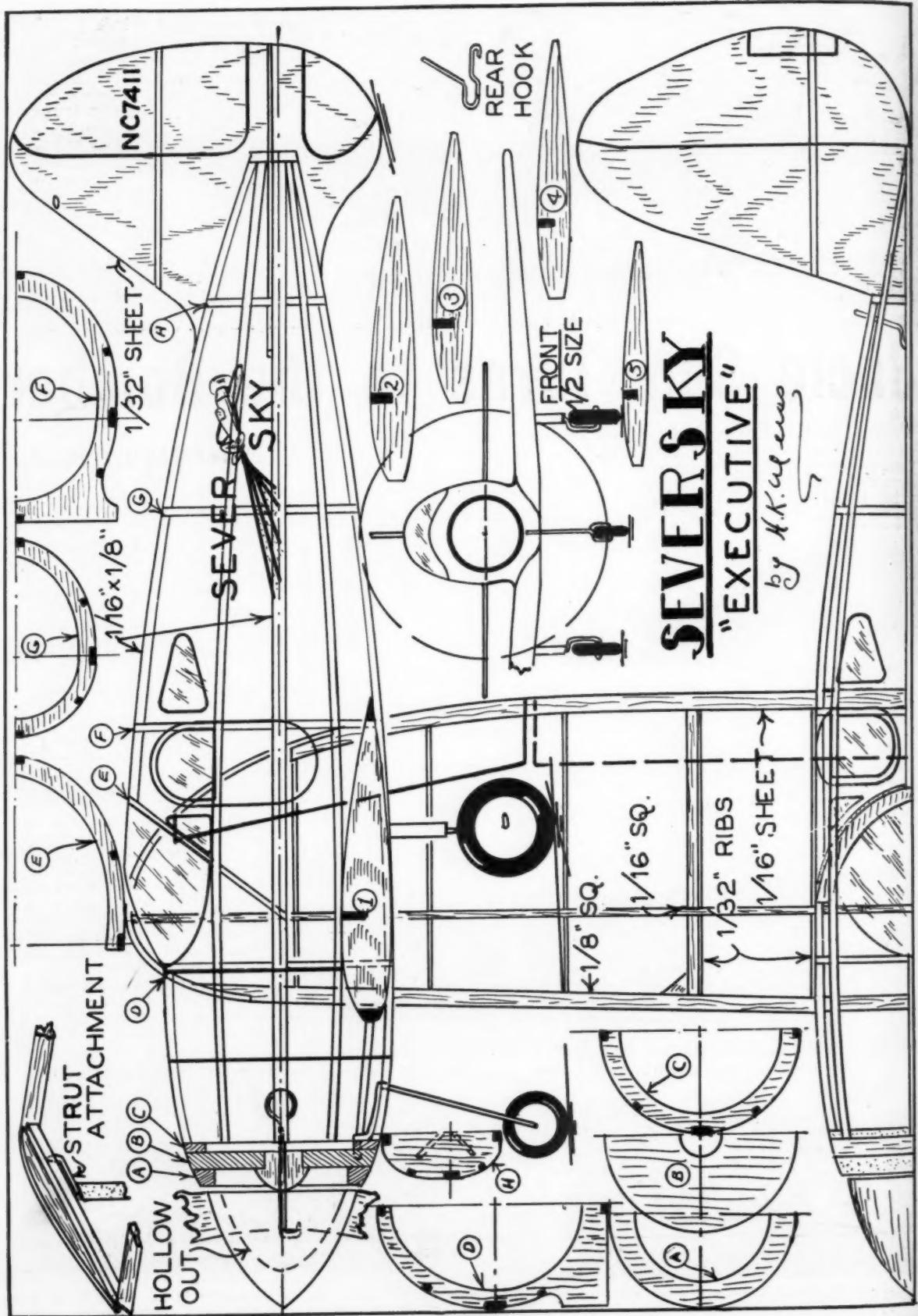
The new North American bomber attack plane, recently tested. (Bowers)

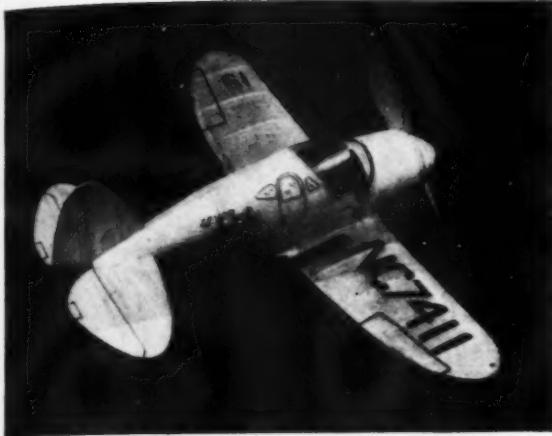


Remains of the North American bomber just after its crash. (Bowers)



The Stearman attack bomber, one of the entries in the recent U. S. Army bomber competition at Wright Field. (Bowers)

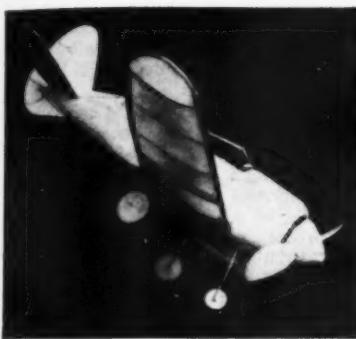




The large tail surfaces give stability



The balsa fuselage provides great sturdiness



A three-wheel landing gear provides thrilling, realistic "take offs"

MAJOR ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY has done it again. While other more conservative designers were checking and rechecking the trend of public opinion and the slope of the modern economic situation, de Seversky went ahead and built the ship that showed them what will be the style in airplanes by the time they get around to building their "dream ships."

The latest Seversky "Executive" incorporates a retractable tricycle landing gear, one of the first on a really high-speed ship of the fighter class. (That imitable Dutchman, Tony Fokker had one at the last Paris show.) Fowler flaps are incorporated. Standard equipment includes two-way radio, automatic pilot, de-icer equipment and a complete layout of instruments. The ship is designed for a 1200 hp. Twin Wasp under the new N.A.C.A. nose-slot cowling, and a huge spinner superstreamlines the nose. Outer wing panels are interchangeable with panels of larger area including bigger gas tanks to boost the range from 850 to 2000 miles. Ship seats four normally.

Yeah, pal, you guessed it. How many "executives" in the United States have businesses that would justify one of these delicious go-buggies? Jimmy Doolittle and a couple of others have booked orders, indicating that this new ship will follow Seversky pylon-to-pylon, city-to-city and coast-to-coast tradition. But when we look at those performance specifications: 330 m.p.h. top speed, 300 m.p.h.

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By HERBERT K. WEISS

cruising, 2900 ft. min. climb,—you know, with modern fighters getting faster and faster and landing speed going up and up, we're willing to bet that when there get to be more hot ships than super pilots it's going to feel mighty good to the not-so-good reserves to have that ground-stable tricycle under them, not to mention the stainless steel belly-skid. Oops, we forgot—the Executive is being built as a "commercial" ship. Or did we?

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### Wing

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If you want to be sure of getting your wing panels alike, you can also trace the wing layout on another sheet of paper, placing the carbon sheet face up under the blank paper, so that your tracing is reversed. Sounds complicated but try it and you'll get the idea. Then just paste your tracing against the

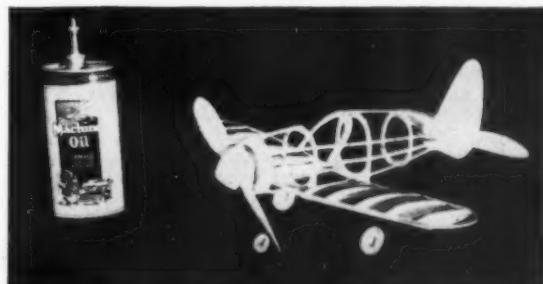
right wing half on the plan, and you'll have the full wing layout.

We found that the wing of our model was plenty rigid without a main spar. However, many model builders prefer to build their wings with leading edge, trailing edge and main spar, and you can

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In full flight immediately after launching.  
Note its fine flight balance



The frame is simple and may be assembled quickly. Though small it gives a "big" performance

## Article No. 1

THE desire for freedom of action, to travel without restriction—that is the urge which usually is responsible for anyone "taking up" aviation in one form or another. Some like to experience the physical thrill of flying, others enjoy the exploration of the boundless realms of science which aviation embodies.

However, there are many who are unable to fly for one reason or another and who lack the money and facilities required of those who undertake to delve into the science of full scale aviation. Participation in both of these phases is expensive business, and is hardly the first step that the layman or boy can take conveniently.

The introduction to such a worthy science or pastime should not be so severe on pocketbook, mind or physique that further participation in it is discouraged. Everyone wishes to identify himself with success, not failure. Therefore the first "venture" in aviation should be an easy and enjoyable one. One that may be concluded successfully, resulting in a burning desire to fathom the mystery of flight.

Thus it is logical that newcomers to the aviation field should turn to MODEL aeronautics. Participation in this branch of the science in one form or another is well within the scope of everyone. It involves little expense or danger, yet in it is embodied every scientific problem that may be identified with full scale aviation. All the thrills of actual flight are enjoyed by the "aviator" while he stands solidly on "Mother Earth" watching his plane execute every maneuver that might be expected of its man-carrying prototype. All of this is verified by the fact that there are many former builders who are successful men in aviation today. They laid the foundation of their success by learning the principles of flight and plane design through the medium of model planes.

Probably the most intriguing characteristic of this sport is the element of mystery that pervades it. There is always a new problem to solve, something new to discover. It provides "fun while learning" to all who participate in it. In brief: a sugar-coated education.

Usually the start of active participation in model aviation is prompted by inspiration born of some intriguing or dramatic episode. Lindbergh's flight literally started hundreds of romantic and imaginative young men building models. Many of these are experts today because of patience and a determination to solve the problems of design, construction and flight that presented themselves. Many "dropped by the wayside" because of discouragement generated by repeated failures in their attempts to create successful flying models. Some of these drifted into the pastime of building non-flying scale models until they had absorbed sufficient experience and courage to undertake again the creation of successful flying model planes.

It is the beginner that experiences the most discouraging moments to be found in model aviation. He is faced with the problem of WHERE to begin.

Several courses are open to him: He can buy a kit containing plans and material to

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# Fundamentals of Model Plane Design

How Model Airplane Designing Building and Flying Will Provide A Complete Education in Aviation—Required Basic Factors of Flight

By CHARLES HAMPSON GRANT

build a complete model, or he may undertake to lay out the proportions and structure of a plane on his drawing board, buy the material and build it. The first manner of procedure is the one which probably will bring him the greatest success, for it requires less knowledge and experience. Nevertheless after the plane is complete and the problem of flying it presents itself, the builder suddenly realizes that it requires at least a little knowledge of the theory of flight in order to make the little craft perform as a self-respecting airplane should.

Those who are courageous enough to endure the discouraging effects of innumerable crashes and rebuildings of their planes will eventually succeed, through cut-and-try methods, in producing model planes of fine performance. This is the procedure by means of which most model builders have acquired their ability. Through constant building they have attained the art of creating model planes of fine performance. However, these model fans are limited in the number of successful types of models that they can produce. They learn the correct proportions by cut-and-try methods. In this case the construction and testing of many planes is required before the correct proportions of the particular type have been established. Many potentially fine model designers and builders are lost to the sport because, by following this system, they become discouraged long before they attain success. The reason for failure in such cases is easy to understand.

It is obvious after a little consideration that even the most expert craftsman cannot construct any mechanism and have it operate properly unless he knows first how to give the correct proportions to the mechanism and its parts. Before any model fan can build a successful model plane he must know how it should be proportioned; what the relative sizes and shapes of its parts should be. The proportions of a model plane are governed by the fundamental principles of aerodynamic design.

Thus it is obvious that the first step to take on the road to creating successful planes is to master the primary principles of model plane design. A model plane that is misproportioned will not fly properly no matter how well it is constructed. So don't be only a builder of models. There is just as much difference between a builder and a designer of planes as there is between a blacksmith and an engineer.

If you will follow the procedure of first designing your planes and then constructing

them, they will fly successfully.

It is not difficult even for a beginner to design and proportion a model plane correctly. All that is required is to learn and apply a few simple fundamental rules of design. Rules that establish the basic proportions of a plane so that it will be stable and efficient in flight.

These rules may be applied and satisfactory results obtained without an understanding of the principles which govern the rules of design. However, a knowledge of these principles and the science upon which the rules of design are based will enable one to work out an infinite number of design variations that will conform more closely to requirements of performance.

Therefore in the following pages of this series of articles, first simple rules will be given which will enable beginners to build successful planes, then the underlying principles will be discussed for the benefit of those who wish to have an understanding of the science involved.

In order to know how to apply the basic rules governing the proportions of planes, it is necessary to know what basic parts or factors are required for flight, the collective physical expression of which form the complete structure of the airplane. Then if one is to comprehend how and why these factors function, a complete understanding of the scientific principles involved is required.

Therefore let us convert our problem to its simplest form and assume that we know nothing about an airplane. All that is known is what we wish to accomplish—that is: design and eventually construct a mechanism that will rise from the ground, travel through the air on an approximately predetermined course and come to rest again without damage to itself, after making contact with the ground.

The question is now: what factors are required in order that a device of some kind will complete such a performance in the desired manner?

### First Factor of Flight—A Means of Lift

The most obvious quality that an airplane should have is the ability to get off the ground and remain suspended in flight for a definite period of time. In order to do this some force must be exerted on the airplane, opposite in direction to the force of gravity. Gravity holds the plane on the ground; therefore the lifting force must be greater than the gravity force in order that

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U. S. Army Air Corps basic combat, BC-2, recently delivered to Wright Field for test. (Morrison)

# FRONTIERS OF AVIATION

By ROBERT C. MORRISON

IT IS cheerful news to hear that though the demand for fighting planes is at a peak, the airplane manufacturers still give the commercial transport due consideration. While most of the companies are of course leaning towards military production where much money is at stake, some of the major manufacturers have found it a good opportunity to hop into the commercial field to catch their competitors off guard. The military business is not destined to last forever, but the demand for commercial aircraft will keep improving for many years to come.

Douglas has already sold several of its DC-5 transports, and the DC-4 will eventually see service in quantity on domestic airlines. K.L.M. of Holland will certainly buy some. However the tendency at the present time appears to be for lighter three and four engined transports; and several companies, including Douglas, are designing such ships.

Lockheed has already announced details of its new four-engined transport, the "Excalibur," which will weigh thirteen tons and seat 21 to 28 passengers with a crew of three. It will be low-wing in design and incorporate a tricycle landing gear, the nose wheel being steerable. Perhaps the steering mechanism will be hydraulically operated and may be a development of that designed by Mr. Otto Timm which is used on his twin-engined ship. Brakes will be used on all three wheels.

which are completely retractable. The plane will be of all-metal construction.

An important bit of news is that the Fowler flaps as used on the Lockheed "14" will not be used. An even more efficient flap will be a feature of the four-engined transport! The engines will be  
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The new Dornier three engine patrol boat. Note the gun turrets, fore and aft. (Bulban)



The Miles Master high speed advanced trainer with speed of 295 m.p.h. used by Royal Air Force



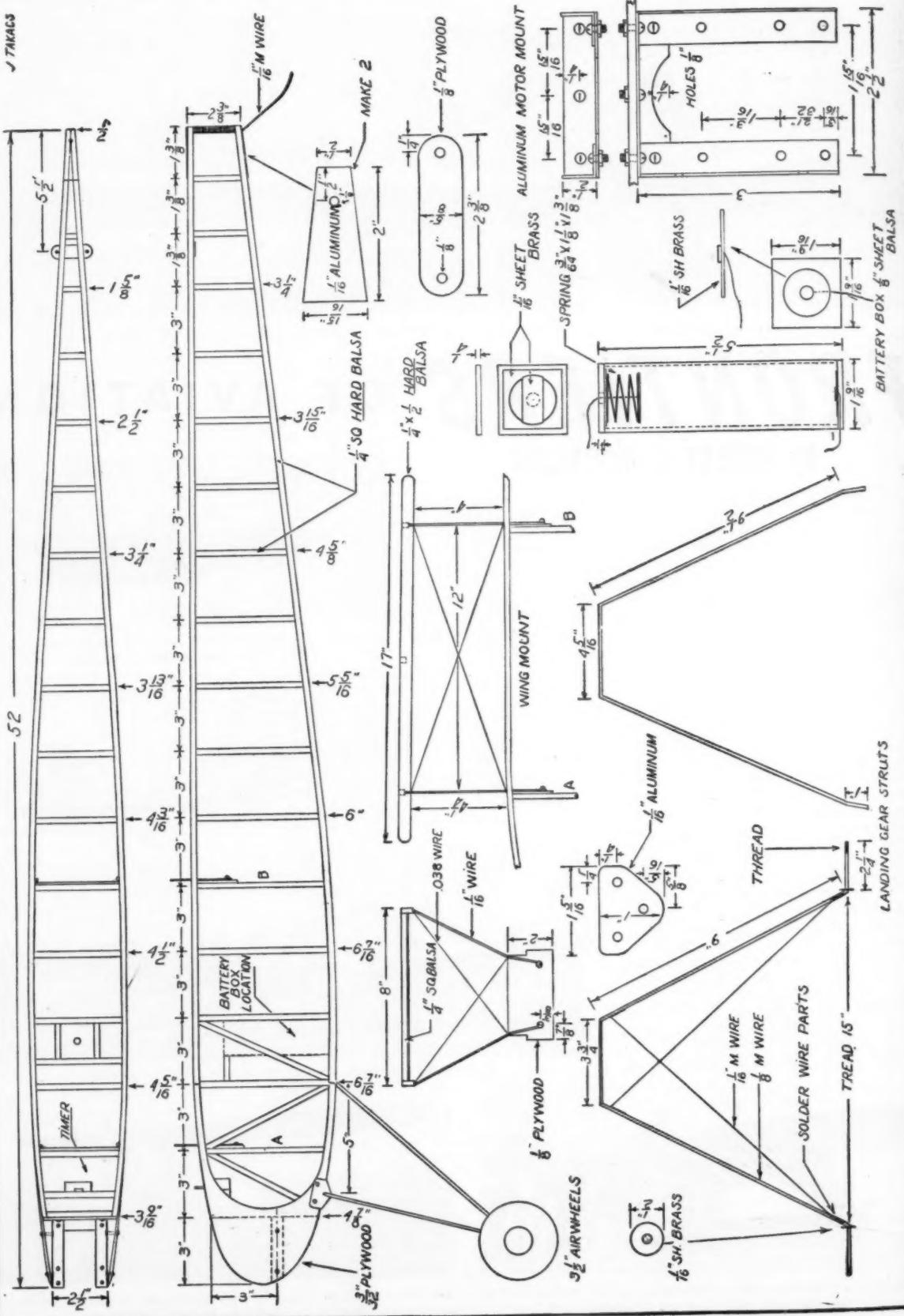
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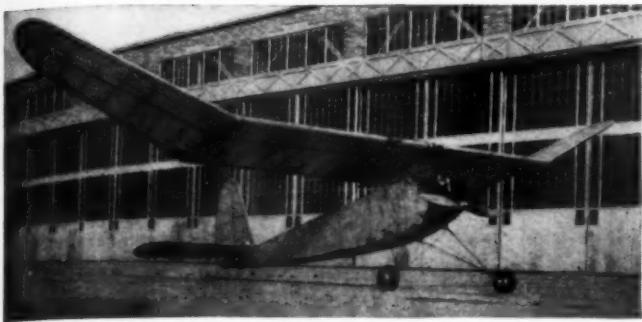


The Willoughby Deta. Part of the wing surface is extended so the wing and stabilizer are practically one



The Praga E241, designed for operation from aircraft carrier decks. One of the standard Italian Navy planes





The finished plane is light and has large wing area

# A RECORD BREAKING Gas Model

Here's a Gas Model That Made a World's Record for Duration and Weight Lifting—How You Can Build It

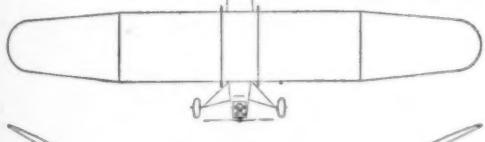


The author, at right, waits to have his record breaking ship "gassed up"

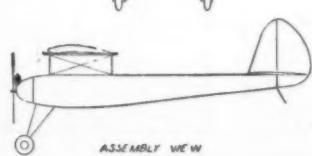
**TO PRODUCE** a consistent champion-ship gas model, a ship must possess these two main flight characteristics.

**Ability to Soar:** Any ship will climb with a powerful riser "slamming it skyward," but to have a model take advantage of the slightest trace of a thermal and produce a long soaring glide is to have soaring ability.

**Climbing Ability Under Power:**



MOTOR BROWN JR



ASSEMBLY VIEW

er: Utilize every erg of energy in the motor to make the most of the limited run. Every foot of altitude gained in the climb is minutes added to the total length of the flight. Get the model high enough where the more active air currents will affect the ship.

This model has proven to have both of these characteristics to an amazing extent, plus an extreme in stability. In fact it is so stable that it can be made to circle right or left under power or in the glide without having to warp or twist the wings. As a weight-lifting or a radio-control job it cannot be beaten. This model won the Scripps-Howard contest for lifting the greatest weight and then remained in the air for the greatest length of time.

During a recent gas duration contest, with a motor run of 21 seconds, the plane remained aloft for 25 minutes. Upon returning to the field the ship was sent up again with a motor run of 25 seconds. This produced a flight of two hours covering a distance of 25 miles, and incidentally established a new world record.

This plane also incorporates the following desirable features: detachable wing, adjustable

rudder and elevator, crash-proof wire landing gear, flexible wire wing mount to eliminate wing breakage and to produce greater stability.

All of the excess frills and baggage are entirely eliminated, thus producing a straight-forward and simple but efficient design. Quoting one of the best model builders in the country, "Super-streamlining has a tendency to induce complicated and heavy structures."

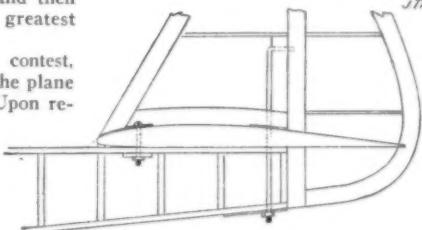
## Constructing the Plane

Start out with the intentions of spending two or more weeks of hard but enjoyable work on the construction of this model.

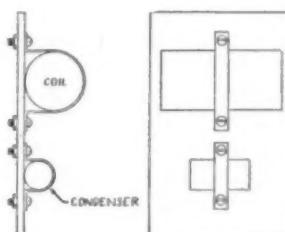
Its specifications are: Wing span, 8 feet; wing cord, 14 inches; wing loading, 8 ounces per square foot.

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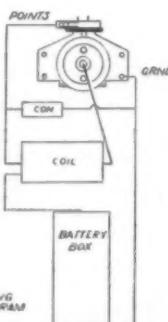
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STABILIZER & RUDDER MOUNTING

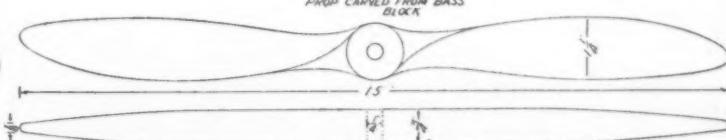


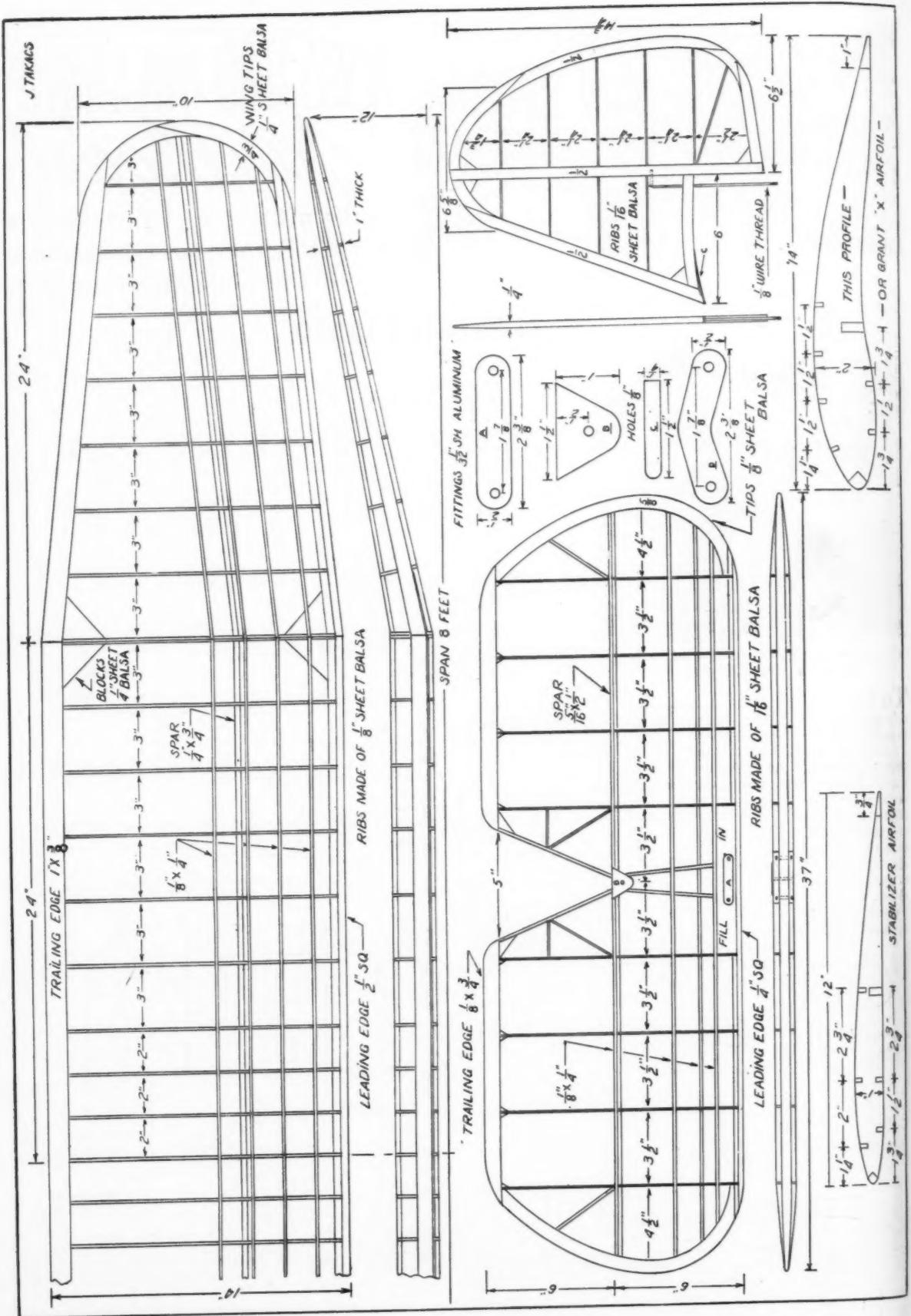
ARMED COIL & CONDENSER  
ON NO. 3 BULKHEAD



BATTERY BOX

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# Air Ways

What Readers Are Doing to Increase Their Knowledge of Aviation in All Parts of the World



Pict. No. 2. What every home should have



Pict. No. 8 and No. 9. The plane that wins this month's Originality Design contest; by David Alexander, Jr.



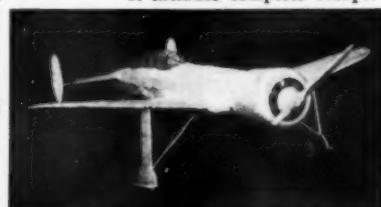
Pict. No. 3. A well designed biplane by Norris Malphy. Note wide "gap"



Pict. No. 4. A solid scale model of a Fleet trainer by Stanley Orzeczk. It includes complete cockpit and engine details



Pict. No. 7. An 8½ oz. duration job by one of our British friends



Pict. No. 5. David Alexander Jr.'s idea of what a modern fighter should be like



Pict. No. 1. A perfect flying scale model by Earl Stahl

## Airways Club News

AIR WAYS Club members have been extremely busy since the advent of fine weather—at least they have come out into the open where the products of their hours of labor may be seen. Some very fine specimens of aircraft have come to us this month.

Earl Stahl of 810 Suter Street, Johnstown, Pa., captures the place of honor with picture No. 1, showing his flying scale Rearwin Speedster. It is a fine piece of work and the flights of the ship do not belie the effort displayed. It flies for 1 1/2 minutes; has a span of 30 inches and weighs 2 1/2 ounces with 12 strands of 1 1/2" rubber. We are going to try to get Earl to supply plans of this model for publication in MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS.

Picture No. 2 shows one of our old friends, Ed Sengwoda of 1940 Macdonald Avenue, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, in the midst of some serious business. This is a corner of his workshop, as you can probably see, and in it is included a little bit of everything from cement, balsa wood, etc. to copies of MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS. In his letter to us Ed says:

"Ever since I started building I have wanted to see what the atmosphere in a typical model builder's room looked like. I made up my mind that some day I'd have one of these 'dirty rooms' and that I would record it for other fellows that like looking at black molecules. That day came a few months ago. Before taking the pictures we outlined a few things which should be included—here is what we got:

"A lot of neatly arranged debris; A likewise model-butcher (yours truly); Strictly aeronautical scenery; A little air and lights for a change; A plug for the magazine it was being especially made for."

"After scraping up enough dough for wire, hooks, tripod, cable-release, sockets, reflectors and flash bulbs and some fast film this is what we got. It was a 'direct result' and we sure fulfilled the 'mess' part all right!"

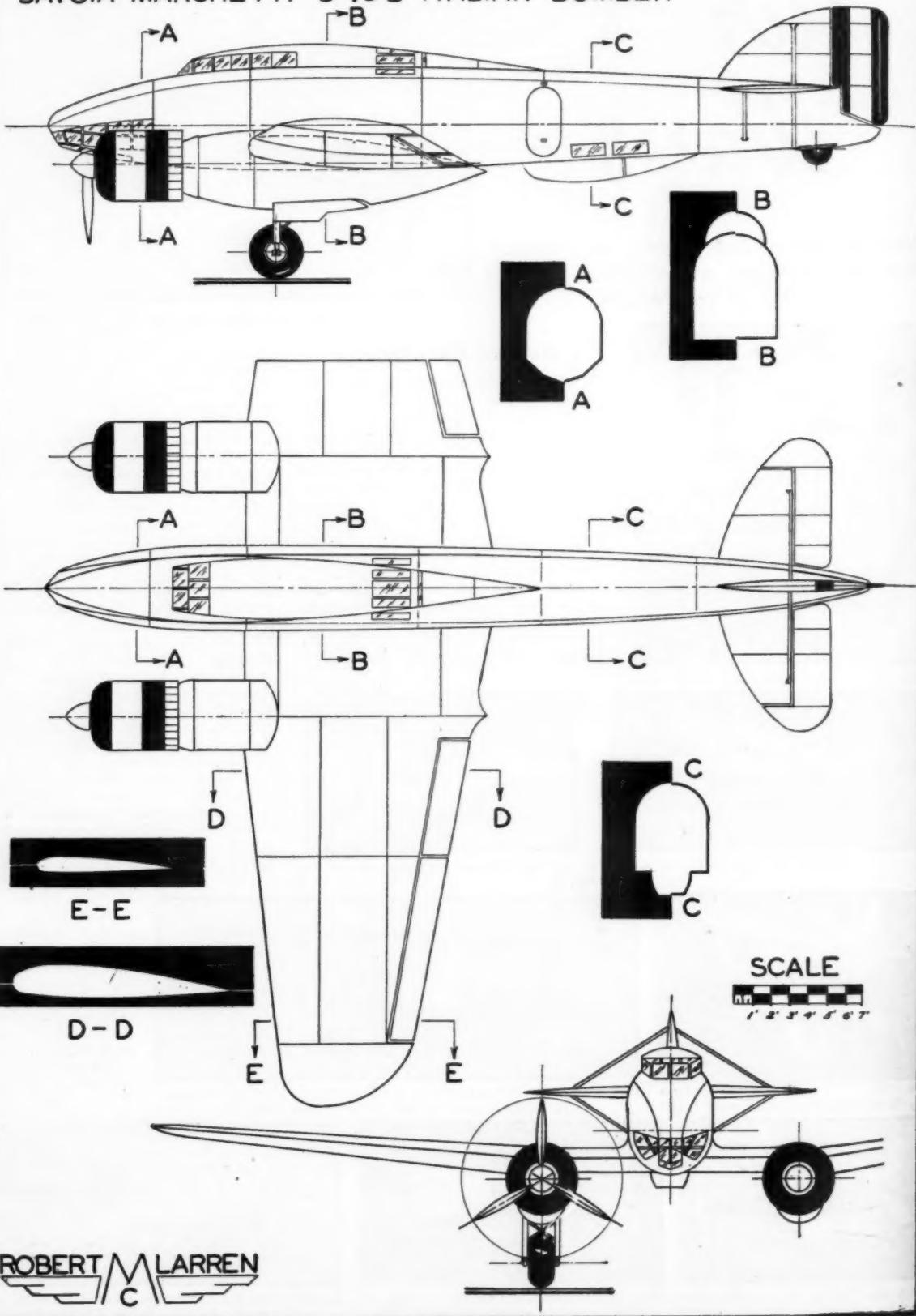
Ed finishes off his discourse by saying that he sleeps in here 365 days of a year. Apparently there seems to be an error: We never knew that model builders ever slept! Perhaps Ed absorbs some of the aeronautical atmosphere through his proximity to it while he sleeps.

Picture No. 3 shows  
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Pict. No. 6. Joe Oliver has made a beautiful job of constructing this Boeing Clipper 314

SAVOIA-MARCHETTI S-79 B ITALIAN BOMBER



# Eagle of II Duce

The Plane On the Cover

By

**ROBERT  
McLAREN**

ORDEAL by fire, the flaming and tortuous expanse of the vast Libyan Desert, is the badge of service worn by our Plane on the Cover this month, the Savoia-Marchetti S-79B Italian Bomber. For it was its older brother, the swift and deadly S-79 tri-motor monster of destruction, that blasted obstinate war-weary Abyssinians out of hidden recesses investing the rock-strewn plateau of history's oldest modern nation, now only a healing wound in the escutcheon of the visionary League of Nations. No man-made testing ground could subject a ship to a more grueling punishment and this later and more modern adaption of the terrorizing "El Habarra," as the negroes called the S-79, is the culmination of "proven in practice" airplane design by one of the world's oldest aircraft firms. Founded in 1915, the Societa Italiana Aeroplani Idrovolanti "Savoia-Marchetti" has progressed inexorably towards a perfection in practical aerodynamic design and within its voluminous files are the records of an hundred or more successful models, both

biplane and monoplane, single-engine and multi-motored, landplane and seaplane, all inspired by Italy's foremost aeronautical genius, G. Uff. Ing. Alessandro Marchetti, the firm's Chief Engineer.

Basically a cleaned-up version of the SM-79 with the nose engine replaced by a gunner's quarters, the SM-79B Heavy Bomber is a cantilever, twin-engine, high-performance monoplane of composite con-



Nose of the Savoia Marchetti S-79B showing aiming window



The S-79B warms up for a bombing mission

struction. The single cantilever wing is built in one piece on a structure of three double "T"-section spars, solid plywood compression ribs, a plywood outer skin, the entire structure covered with doped fabric. This type construction insures a far greater accuracy in the preservation of the true airfoil section in assembly than that obtained by dural and alclad covered wings which ripple and blister under the pressure of the river hammer. Oddly enough, the wing is divided into a series of watertight compartments. The entire trailing edge of the wing is hinged, the outer portion serving as ailerons and the inner section hinging downward as landing flaps. The outer portion of the leading edge is equipped with Handley-Page slots. The ailerons are statically balanced by the

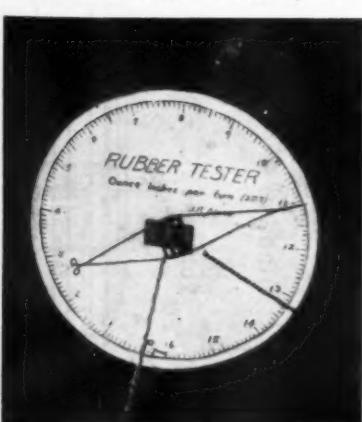
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## How You Can Determine the Flight Duration of Your Model By Simple Formulae

By

**W. HEWITT  
PHILLIPS**

ALL model builders have their own ideas on how to get the greatest endurance from their planes, but few can predict the performance of their models by any logical theory. If the class will come to order, the



A rubber motor torque tester

prof will present a theory worked out by John P. Glass and other Boston model builders, whereby it is possible to determine exactly how certain design characteristics of rubber-powered models affect their endurance.

Let's use an analogy to help clarify the basis of this method for determining duration. If a child has thirty boxes of candy and consumes them at the constant rate of three a day, the supply lasts for ten days; the result may be obtained by dividing the total amount by the rate or consulting the nearest doctor. Similar reasoning says the endurance of a model plane equals the total amount of work stored in the rubber, divided by the rate at which work is used up in flying the model.

Since rate of doing work is defined as power, we can state that the endurance

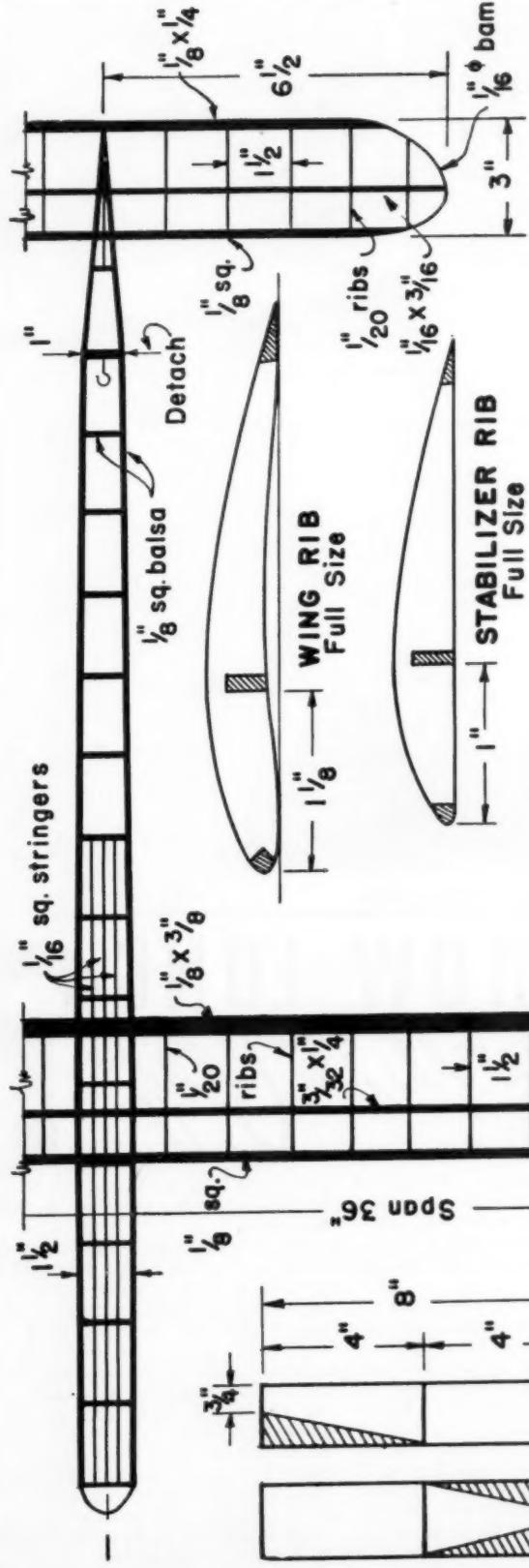
# HOW LONG will it fly?

equals the total work stored in the rubber divided by the power required to fly the model.

The case of the plane differs only from the example given in that the model does not use up work at a constant rate. At the start of the flight the rubber is tightly wound and delivers work at a much higher rate than at the end. The work used in flying a model may, however, be divided into two parts; that used in lifting the weight of the ship against the force of gravity and that used in churning up the air, or overcoming drag. If the model lands at the same altitude at which it is launched, the net amount of work done against gravity is zero, because any work done in lifting the model is returned to it again as it descends.

Provided the adjustment of the model

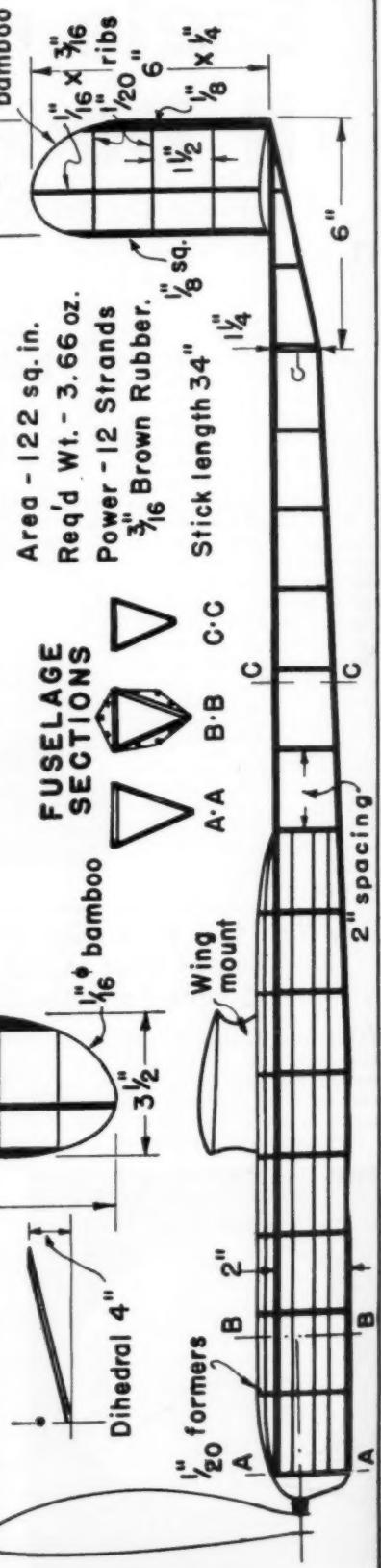
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## CLASS "C" STICK TRACTOR

Scale -  $\frac{1}{4}$  = 1" (except where noted otherwise).

Designed by: Conrad Renning



# A Winning Stick Tractor

How You Can Build and Fly a Model of Unusual Type With a Contest Winning Performance

By CONRAD RENNING

In RECENT years the tendency in model design has been toward a high rate of climb with a short motor run. However the author, among others, has adhered to the policy of medium rate of climb with an extended motor run. The model of which plans are presented here is an example of the latter and has proved very consistent in contest work. The design is the result of several years of experimenting by the author and in 1935 the author made a flight of 34 minutes with a model similar to the one shown. While the power may seem small the original model flew well under all weather conditions.

## Fuselage

The triangular cross section of the stick makes construction comparatively easy, and the author has found that an easy method of construction is to lay out the top of the framework first. Leaving this part on the work board you add the uprights and the bottom longeron. After the framework has dried remove it from the board and add formers and stringers as indicated on the plan. The tailboom is cut off at the point indicated on the plan. The rear plug is a piece of  $1/4"$  balsa cut to fit snugly inside the rear end of the stick and is glued to the tailboom with  $1/8"$  protruding. The rear hook is made of  $1/16"$  wire anchored securely to the rear plug.

## Wing

Using the airfoil shown on the plans cut 23 ribs from  $1/20"$  medium grade "C" stock. Pin the trailing edge in place and

add ribs and leading edge, glueing all joints well. When dry remove from the plans and add bamboo tips. Crack the leading and trailing edge at the center. Raise each tip four inches for dihedral and apply glue generously at center. Add the main spar and set the wing aside to dry.

## Tail

The construction of the stabilizer is the



The author and the high performance model which placed among the winners at many contests

same as the construction of the wing, with the exception that the stabilizer rib is used and no dihedral is added.

The rudder construction is the same as that of the stabilizer. The same

Up she goes in a steady long climb  
airfoil is used with the convex side on the right when facing the model.

## Propeller and Nose Plug

The prop is carved from a block of medium hard balsa  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{3}{4}'' \times 16"$ . In blanking out the prop cut away the shaded portions only. Then proceed to carve the prop in the usual manner. As a final step sand the blades smooth and add several coats of dope, sanding lightly between each coat. Any one of the popular types of free wheeling devices may be used.

The nose plug is carved to shape from a block of balsa. As the correct amount of right and "down thrust" can only be determined by testing, no definite amount is specified. The prop shaft is made from  $1/16"$  piano wire. The hook is covered with rubber tubing to protect the motor.

The wing mount is carved from a block of balsa  $1'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$  and glued to wing. It is held in place on the fuselage by rubber bands.

## Covering

The original model was covered with red tissue and was water-doped and treated with two coats of clear dope.

## Flying

The motor is composed of twelve strands of  $3/16"$  brown rubber,  $36"$  long. After obtaining a flat glide all adjustments should be made by altering the thrust line. The original model flew in right circles under power and in the glide. Well, go to it. Best of luck.

## HAVE YOU DISCOVERED CRINOLINE?

By ELBERT J. WEATHERS

THIS article has been written to advise the gas model fraternity of the many virtues which come from the use of crinoline in gas model construction.

What is crinoline? Almost any woman can tell you, as it is widely used in connection with dressmaking. It looks like starched cheesecloth, and as far as is known, it was first used for gas models by a San Diego gas model enthusiast who introduced it to the writer and who in turn now passes it on to all gas jobbers who are looking for the ultimate in

strength in turning out their ships.

Crinoline, when used to cover nose blocks, wing spars, wing trailing edges, etc., makes such parts extremely strong. It has the quality of working exceedingly well over compound curves, such as found on a nose block. A piece can be applied over such a curve so that it contracts or expands in any direction as required.

To apply it, use model cement of rather thick consistency. Spread the cement over the wood and lay on the crinoline, rubbing it out flat. Go over the outside of it with cement on the finger, spreading

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A high aspect ratio and a long motor run provide excellent duration qualities

# N.A.A. OFFICIAL MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS

BY THE time you read this the N.A.A. Model Division will have ready for distribution a printed announcement setting forth the various types of membership available to individuals and clubs interested in furthering model aviation advancement in the United States through membership in the N.A.A.

This form will present briefly the benefits of such membership and explain the various membership fees. The entire announcement is designed to enable you to find the information you want in a moment.

Clubs and builders are cordially invited to write for this helpful explanatory bulletin. Please include a 3c stamp with your request. Address N.A.A. Model Division, Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C.

## Membership Forms For Affiliated Clubs

**M**ODEL airplane clubs who have signed "affiliation" membership papers with the Model Division of the National Aeronautic Association will be interested in learning that a supply of "membership" forms is now available on request from Washington headquarters, which will permit such club members to compete in "out-of-town" rubber-model meets.

This form certifies that the person presenting it is a member in good standing of the "affiliated" club and as such is eligible to compete in all N.A.A. sanctioned rubber meets, providing such competitions are open to all N.A.A.'ers and not restricted to members of the sponsoring group.

This privilege is granted to affiliated clubs and is in addition to the right granted to print on club membership cards the words "affiliated with the National Aeronautic Association." Such a card, or this new form, will provide the proper credentials for entering "invitation" rubber battles.

## Macfadden Sponsors Wakefield

Bernarr Macfadden, patron and friend of so many aviation movements, has moved to finance the annual Lord Wakefield International Model Aircraft Competition which will be held in August 6 at the Aviation Country Club, Hicksville, N.Y. Also associated in the "running off" of this world-famous event will be the New York World's Fair and the Greater New York Chapter of the N.A.A.

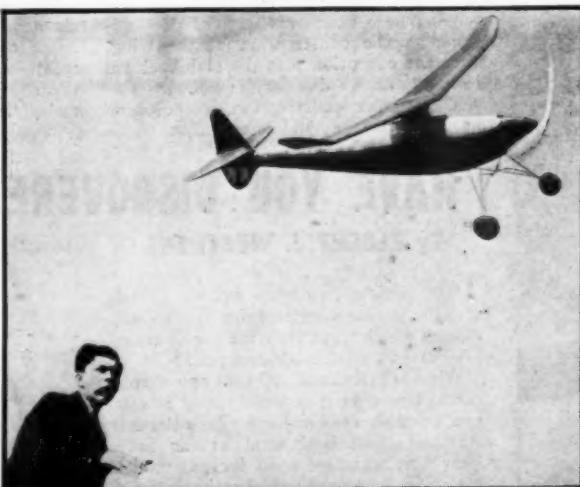
Contesting teams from England, France, Canada, Denmark and Italy are expected to compete. A dozen other countries will be represented by "proxy" flyers.

Macfadden's plans include a cash award to the winning team of \$250 as well as a plaque or medal presentation to each contestant attending the meet. Foreign guests and men prominent in the "youth-in-aviation" field in the country will be entertained by Mr. Macfadden at a dinner in New York. His contribution includes the ex-



The winning design of the 1939 National Championship Model Airplane Meet insignia contest. This is the second successive year that H. A. Thomas, its creator, has won.

pense of putting on the competition at the Aviation Country Club and luncheons for the contestants and other expenses,



A picture showing an English Wakefield Contest contender tuning up his plane. And "what do you think?" The plane is an American-designed craft, built from plans appearing in M.A.N.!

including transportation of foreign visitors while they are in New York.

Mr. Macfadden's participation takes a heavy load from the shoulders of the various model groups who are endeavoring to represent the United States in this most famous of all model aircraft meets.

## West Coast Wakefield Elimination Meet Held on Independence Day

John Bunch, director of the representative West Coast Meet held for the benefit of West Coast Wakefield enthusiasts unable to attend the eliminations at Detroit, announced that this contest was scheduled to have been held at Van Nuys, Calif., on July 4, 1939.

Four of the American Wakefield Team of six representing the U. S. at the International Meet in New York, August 6, were to have been selected at the eliminations held in connection with the National Meet in Detroit, July 5 to 9 inclusive. The sixth place has been reserved for the winner of the representative West Coast Wakefield Meet.

James Cahill, of Indianapolis, last year's Wakefield winner, and the fellow who brought the "old mug" back to the United States, automatically is awarded a place on the 1939 American team through his "win" of last Summer.

## Three-Flight-Average Ruling of Academy Receives Warm Response

Through its Washington, D.C., headquarters representatives, the N.A.A. Academy of Model Aeronautics issues the following statement concerning its new ruling which calls for a "three-flight-average" compilation of duration times for meet and record purposes.

The Academy is happy to announce that this rule which tends to eliminate the "luck" element in modelplane competition, has met with widespread approval, even in the indoor field, where a few felt it was not quite so well adapted. However, the number of enthusiastic messages warmly applauding the move shows beyond a doubt that the Academy was representing nation-wide

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# GAS LINES

**Official Section of the National Aeronautic Association Gas Model Division**

**I.G.M.A.A. News. All Clubs Are Eligible to Join As Units. Join Now!**

THE 1939 Nationals are here!! Those who are fortunate enough to be able to attend will have the thrill of probably seeing many of the planes pictured on these pages in "all their glory." As far as model builders are concerned, it is unfortunate that everyone cannot be on hand to visualize the strides made in gas model design since the last national "brawl." However, in other respects it is very fortunate for the city of Detroit and the contest officials that all of the 300,000 to 500,000 model builders cannot be on hand. We are wondering just what would happen provided the majority of model enthusiasts suddenly took it into their heads to journey to Detroit. Perhaps it is a good thing that there is a depression or such a thing might happen. In spite of the difficulties involved we are hoping that such a model aviation migration might sometime take place.

We will now try to give you a little preview and description of the planes which appear here, so that you can more fully picture their participation in the great annual contest.

Picture No. 1 is one of the finest planes, from a design standpoint, that has come to our attention. It is a five foot span, Brown powered, 2 pounds, 4 ounces model, built by Paul Plecan of 100 E. 10th Street, New York City. It has a wing loading of 8.5 ounces per square foot. Some of the fine points of its design are:

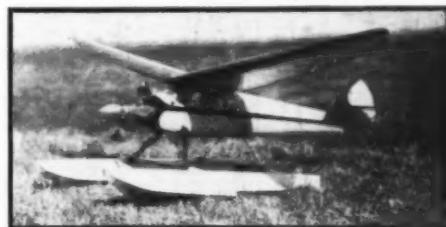
A wing of beautiful shape and high efficiency; a large lifting tail which, though not

counted as wing area, helps to support the weight of the model; twin rudders which have proven to be a deterrent against spinning and which not only increase the efficiency of the stabilizer but promote stability; a one wheel landing gear which reduces resistance to a minimum (This in connection with the fins enables the plane to take off unaided by the model pilot), a high line of thrust which increases the longitudinal stabil-

ity of the ship and allows the center of gravity to be placed close to the center of lateral area (This promotes spiral stability). A bellied down fuselage also  
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Pict. No. 1. A ship of great flight capacity, by Paul Plecan



Pict. No. 2. A hydro that weighs only 28½ oz. complete: A beautiful flier by E. P. Lott



Pict. No. 3 and No. 4. A plane with one of the first reliable retractable landing gears



Pict. No. 5. Believe it or not, this biplane is a gas model by Chas. Gruber



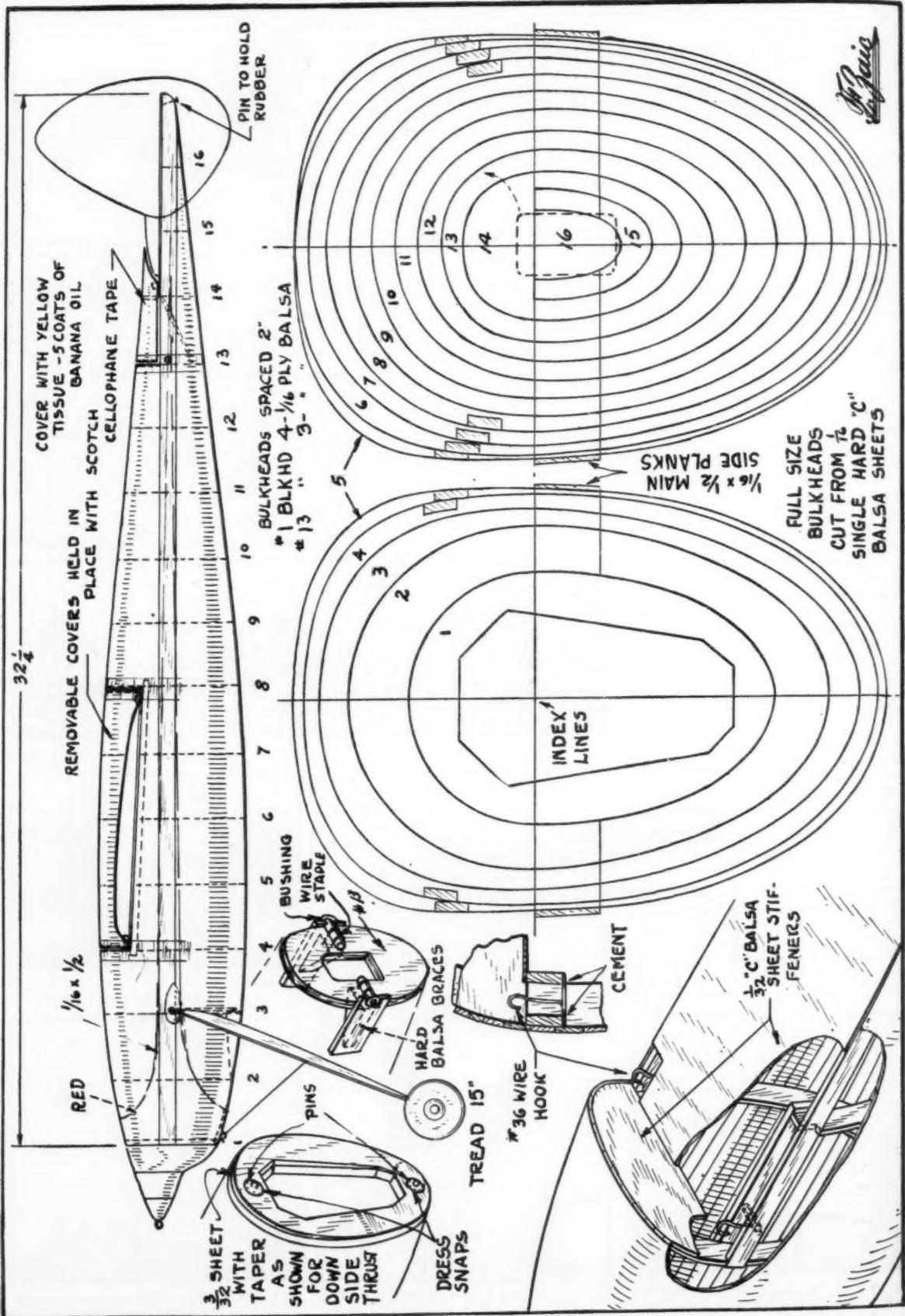
Pict. No. 7. Murray Whittner and his Stinson flown at the East Paterson contest



Pict. No. 8. Sal Taibi who won first place with the Class A model he is holding



Pict. No. 9. Frank Ehling with the same old smile but with a new freak gas job



# What To Build For The Wakefield

THIS model was designed and built with the intention of having a plane that would give better results in calm air or air in which there are few if any rising air currents, than an ordinary outdoor model. Using sixteen to twenty strands of rubber (depending on the air conditions) and using a nineteen inch propeller on the maximum amount of winds, it had a prop run of approximately two minutes.

Shortly after returning from the "Nationals" we were asked to enter a model in the Wakefield International Contest.

Having but two weeks to build a model and get it ready for shipping, we decided to use the same type model that we used in the Moffett Contest. After eight days it was completed and test flown on two separate evenings for adjustments. When the model was properly adjusted, with the aid of several members of the Brookside Club of Indianapolis acting as timers, we tried three flights to check the consistency of the model.

The first flight was started shortly before dark with practically no wind blowing, and the model stayed up for 2 min., 35 sec. The last two flights were flown in the moonlight and although a trifle

An Efficient Fine Flying Plane  
That Conforms to the Wakefield  
Rules—Designed By an Old Master

By FRANK ZAIC

difficult to see we managed to follow it to the end of the flights, as it didn't cover very much distance. Each flight was for the same duration of 2 min., 35 sec.

The model was christened "The Groundhugger," a name which it lived up to, for in the Wakefield Contest the plane made an average duration of two minutes and sixteen seconds, which won it fourth place.

The methods followed in constructing it were as follows:

## Fuselage

Past experience dictated all balsa construction, but past work held memories of long hours struggling with balky balsa sheets. So, taking a hint from the gas job boys the fuselage was planked. The method of plotting the bulkheads is similar to that used on boats. You will notice that bulkhead No. 5 is the largest and since the wing is almost a mid-wing, it



The author with the finished model

would be rather useless to carry out the ellipse above the wing as the air is more or less messed up at this junction. A close approach to a square would help with the area. The point is to make the bulkhead contain as much as possible of cross section area without bulkiness.

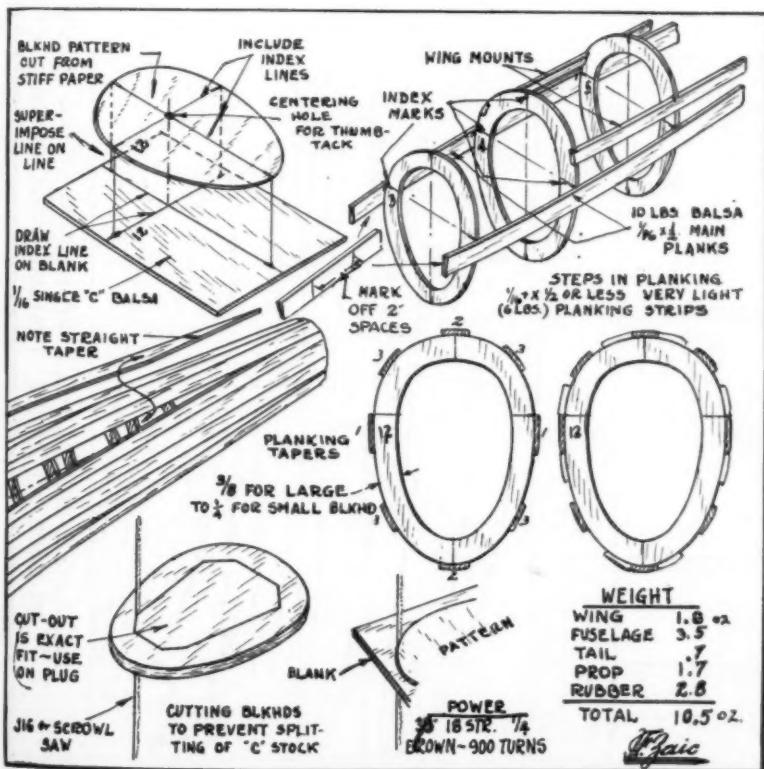
Now that we have the largest bulkhead we plot the rest by superimposing the front bulkhead over it and draw the rest in front to produce smooth contour. The same idea applies to bulkheads behind No. 5. The exact sizes of major and minor axis can be more readily determined by drawing a side and plan view of the fuselage. This hint is given to those who have their own pet fuselage outlines which they would like to develop. For duplication of the "New Yorker III" the given full size bulkheads were drawn directly from the paper patterns.

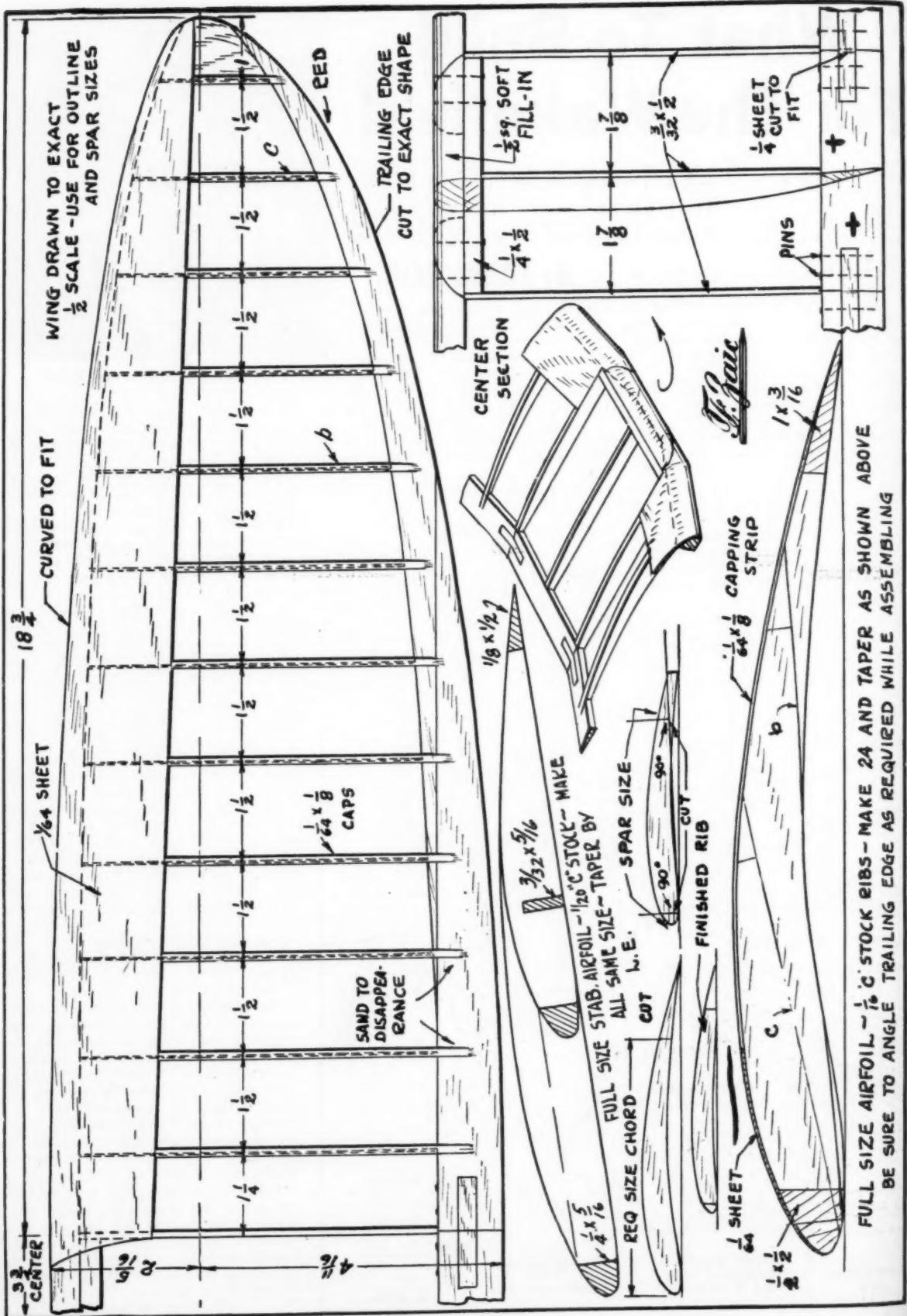
The bulkhead patterns are made by transferring the outlines on the drawings to the individual stiff paper outlines by pin points or carbon paper. The main thought to keep in mind is to be sure of the side planks index marks. The bulkheads are cut from single sheet quarter-grained or "C" balsa. Superimpose the pattern over the sheet and hold it firmly in place with thumbtacks while trimming the outline with a fine toothed saw. A razor gives angled or rough cuts. Be sure to use the quarter-grained balsa as it is very stiff although it splits when forced into a bend.

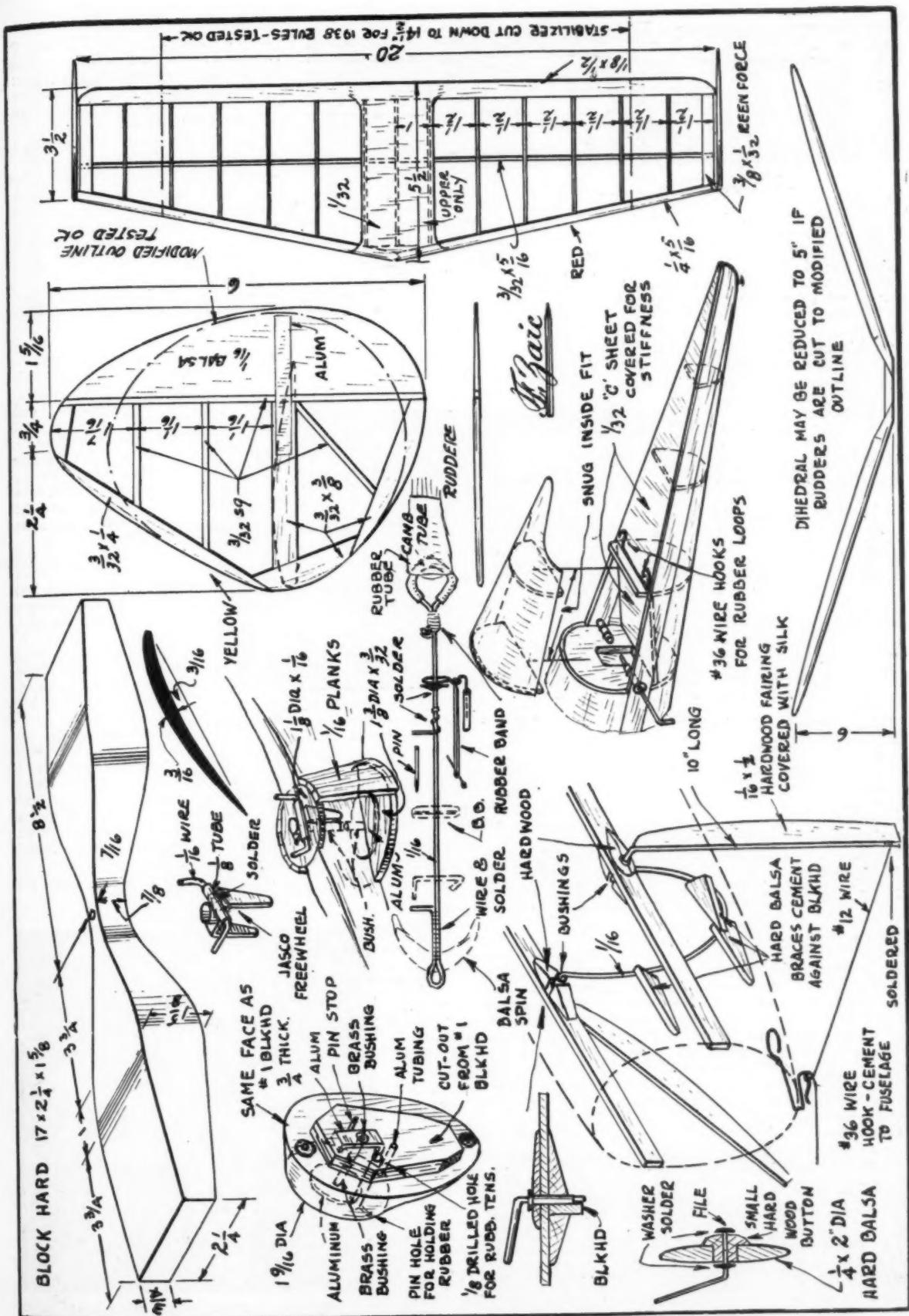
The entire job is built in the air by first cementing all the bulkheads, starting from the center outward, to the two main side planks. If the patterns are carefully made, the side planks subdivided into two-inch spaces and carefully aligned, no trouble should be experienced with the fuselage. Once the side planks are in place the remaining planks can be cemented in almost any fashion as long as balance of planks is kept even on both sides.

Before the lower portion is completely planked be sure to place the landing gear wires in place. Note that they are just underneath the half planks. It is very important that the bushings are held in place with hardwood fillets as balsa just "squashes" in landings. Since the fuse-

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## SPECIAL TO MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS:

ONE of the most efficient two engine airplanes that has ever flown has just been turned out by a firm in England. This is the first plane and is purely experimental; however the performance has been phenomenal. It is a British development of the Burnelli Model UB-14 which is being built on a patent license by the Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft Limited of Southampton, England. During January they completed a new plant which rates as one of the best in England, located at the Southampton Airport.

The original UB-14 which was built in 1935 had been extensively demonstrated in this country by Mr. Clyde Pangborn and other noted pilots. Mr. Pangborn had employed the plane on a demonstration trip in Europe and official tests conducted in England brought about the manufacturing program that is now underway for the Burnelli lifting fuselage plane. Incidentally this is the only large American design of the many negotiated there that has actually been put into manufacture.

The performance of this plane is outstanding in that the percentage of disposable load is 50% of the gross weight. The empty weight is 9,500 lbs. and the gross weight 19,000 lbs. On official tests the airplane climbed 10,000 feet in 12 minutes and maintained altitude on one motor at 75% throttle. High speed at sea level 237 m.p.h. and 203 m.p.h. cruising speed.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, who is head of this organization, is one of the leading industrialists of the British Empire and is Chairman of the Board of the British-American Tobacco Company, and also controls the largest Airway System operating within the British Isles.

As the British machine has been constructed on the basis of Air Ministry approval, production jigs and fixtures have been prepared for the manufacture of the type. The airplane is equipped with two Bristol Perseus sleeve valve engines and are the first to be installed in a commercial airplane in England.

Ordered by the United States Army Air Corps: 150 Douglas DB-7 twin-engine light bombers at a cost of \$15,000,000; 7 Martin attack-bombers at a cost of \$500,000; 7 Stearman X-100 attack-bombers at a cost of \$500,000, and 13 Seversky XP-41 Fighters at a cost of \$974,324.

To Germany: one of the most important air bases in South America in Trinidad on the Mamore River, one of the headwaters of the Amazon. Huge hangers and facilities already a-building.

Lewis A. Yancey and Russel Rogers, famed American airmen, on a five thousand mile Australia-Africa survey flight. The ship: Consolidated "Guba."

German losses in Spain: 344 battle planes, 580 men killed, 1100 seriously injured. Spanish losses to Germany: a third that figure!

Donald Douglas celebrated 25th year in aviation; his XB-23 will be astounding



The new British-built Burnelli type twin engine bomber. It carries a disposable load equal to its own weight; 9500 pounds. It climbs 10,000 feet in 12 minutes and can fly at the rate of 237 m.p.h.

when it flies early in July, powered by 1600-hp. Twin Cyclones! Two-hundredth DC-3 christened at the party. Six hundred Douglas ship promised by 1940.

Five "Stratoliners" completed, none flown; C.A.A. still holding decision on crash, result: no flight dates. T.W.A. is getting them.

Chester L. Tobias, of Air Corps' Wright Field motion-picture staff in Hollywood getting low-down on precision film work at Chief H. H. Arnold's request.

First complete Federal testing station for safety devices used in commercial aviation opened in Indianapolis. Transmitters, receivers, blind landing equipment, radio beams, compasses, airport lights, etc., will be tested.

West Coast Development Company constructing airplane plant at busy Los Angeles Municipal Airport. Commercial and military craft to be built.

Helium in five-hundred-thousand cubic feet lots now available for export. Poland will get hers for balloon, Germany scoffs but needs three million for LZ-130.

**Over and Back:** The huge Lieutenant De Vaisseau Paris, six-engine Latécoère flying boat on round trip from Bordeaux (France) to Port Washington (U.S.A.) completed without mishap. Ship lay a week in Pensacola Bay two years ago.

Mailbox wing-tip slots on American Airlines' new DC-3 Airliners.

N.A. BT-9 cruised through two 18-inch brick walls and wrecked offices and archives containing photographic plates and other records it took 30 years to collect at San Jose (California's) Lick Astronomical Observatory. Pilot and passenger beyond recognition.

Laura Ingalls' record hop (*Flash News*, MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS, July, 1939) delayed when sleek Barkley-Grow nosed over at home (Detroit) port. Repairs and take-off scheduled immediately.

Seven DC-4's to United Airlines added to Douglas' present order for four from K.L.M. Cost: \$450,000 per each! With Benny Howard and the Mrs. at the controls the monster recently hauled 44 passengers and crew of six aloft, including Tyrone and Annabella, the most ever by a landplane in America!

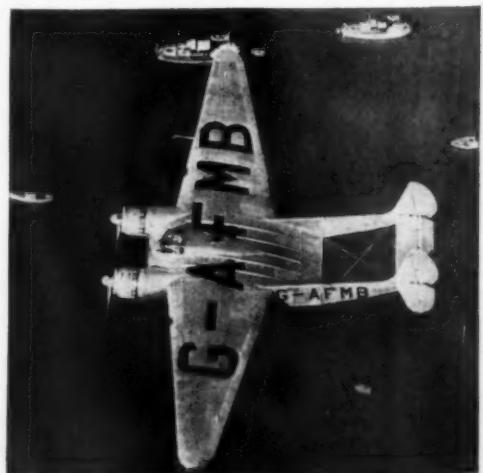
California, with its 4,409 licensed air pilots, has more than twice that of New York, next in rank, and one-sixth of the 24,143 pilots in the U.S.

Paul Mantz, now flying famous Travelair "Mystery Ship," which won the Thompson Trophy in 1929, as a stunt plane.

Is the rumor true that TWA and American Export Airlines will merge soon?

Dead: Lady Mary Heath, British aviatrix, first woman commercial airline pilot; Capt. Francisc Sarabia, premier Mexican pilot and record-breaker; Thomas H. Smith, 90 horsepower vs. the Atlantic which won; Charles Backman, ditto.

An American Gibralter in Puerto Rico  
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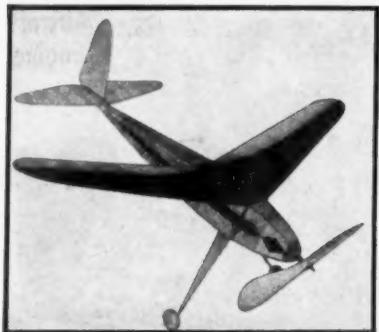
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### Fundamentals of Model Plane Design

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the airplane will rise. A derrick could perform this function, but such a device would limit the scope of so-called "flight." Obviously the plane must be suspended in the air, free from any physical contact with the ground, other than the air. Thus we see that air itself must do all the lifting. It must generate a force that will overcome the pull of gravity and which will be greater than the weight of the plane. Some part of the "flying machine" must act on the air in such a manner that lift will be generated.

We may say, then, that the first and most important factor that an airplane should have is A MEANS OF LIFT. In the case of an airplane, the wings serve the purpose of lifting.

#### Factor No. 2—A Means of Propulsion

Obviously there is no point in having the airplane lift from the ground if it cannot go somewhere; travel from one place to another. Therefore another device is required on our plane. There must be some means of driving or propelling the plane through the air—something that will create a force acting in a horizontal plane. (The wings generate the required vertical force.) The propulsive horizontal force overcomes the resistance produced by the action of the air on the airplane, as the structure of the craft moves through the air.

The propulsive force also has another function besides taking the craft from one place to another. It causes the wings to lift by moving them through the air. Thus it may be seen that the propulsive force is a function of the lift and a very necessary factor of flight. Therefore an airplane must have some device that will drive it through the air; a MEANS OF PROPULSION. The propeller serves this purpose on an airplane.

#### Factor No. 3—A Source of Power

In order to create the propulsive force power must be expended and thus some means of generating power must be incorporated in the flying craft. This power must be transmitted to the means of propulsion in order to have the latter generate the propelling force.

Rubber band motors or small gasoline engines are used usually as a source of power for model planes. Compressed air engines are used occasionally but these have not proved to be as satisfactory as other forms of power plants.

#### Factor No. 4—A Means of Stabilizing the Plane

An airplane is supported by the air, a medium which is not rigid and which is in more or less constant motion. Therefore its flight course and attitude is bound to be affected by this condition. Some means of overcoming or correcting the disturbing effect of changes in air pressure reactions on the plane must be supplied. It must prevent the craft from being driven from the desired course of flight and true flight attitude or it must return the airplane to normal flight balance and direction without delay. Thus A MEANS OF STABILITY

must be embodied in the plane. As many model plane fliers already know, this is the most important factor of all, for unless a plane can remain "upright" in flight all the lifting and driving power in the world is useless.

No single device or part of a plane provides stability. This is created in a model by the inter-reactions of the various forces involved and parts of the plane. The proportion, shape and relative position of the essential parts of an airplane affect the direction and magnitude of the forces. Therefore the proportions of a plane determine the character and amount of stability it will display.

#### Factor No. 5—A Means of Landing

So far in our reasoning we have been able to get our airplane off the ground, move it from one place to another through the air and keep it "upright" in true flight position. However, a moment comes finally when the plane must return to earth. It must "land" and come to rest without damage. Thus A MEANS OF LANDING the plane is essential. Some device must be incorporated in the plane's structure that will enable it to contact and rest upon the ground. This is our fifth factor of flight.

#### Factor No. 6—The Framework

The sixth required factor is a structural one; a means of holding all the essential units of the airplane in correct relative position. The framework of the airplane serves this purpose. It must be built strong enough to withstand all the stresses of flight and shaped so it will give minimum resistance to forward motion.

No basic factors other than the six included here are required. The next step in the problem of design is to determine their correct relative size, shape and position. When these are known, it will be possible to build an airplane that will fly.

(Article No. 2 will appear in the Sept. 1939 issue.)

### How Long Will It Fly?

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remains the same during the entire flight, the power used in overcoming drag does remain constant. In other words, if the angle of attack of the model is the same throughout the flight, the power used in overcoming drag does not change. Since this is the ideal condition for a well-adjusted indoor model, it is a good assumption on which to base the prof's theory.

Summarizing in formula style what has transpired so far:

Endurance (in seconds) =

$$\frac{\text{total work}}{\text{work used per second}} = \frac{\text{total work}}{\text{total work}}$$

(work against gravity + work against drag) per second.

But since the entire flight work against gravity equals zero, therefore:

Endurance =  $\frac{\text{total work}}{\text{work against drag per second}}$

So now we have a formula, though it's useless as it stands. But if it is possible

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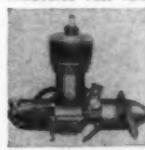
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This means that the rubber, if placed in a mythical 100%-efficient helicopter which weighed nothing, would lift itself 30,000 inches, or about half a mile.

The amount of work available to fly any model equals 30,000 multiplied by  $W_r$  inch ounces, where  $W_r$  equals the weight of the rubber in ounces. The professor'll admit not all the work delivered by the rubber goes into flying the model, however. Part of it is wasted because of propeller inefficiency.

Where  $N$  is the efficiency of the propeller,  $30,000 \times W_r \times N$  equals the work actually used in flying a model. Now the formula can stand as:

Endurance =

$$\frac{\text{total work}}{\text{work against drag per second}} = \frac{30,000 \times W_r \times N}{\text{work against drag per second}}$$

Next step is to find an expression for work against drag per second. It's easy—when a model is gliding, all the work used in overcoming drag comes from gravity, and the work done per second equals the total weight of the model multiplied by the sinking speed in inches per second.

Already it has been shown that if the angle of attack is constant, this quantity is the same whether the model is climbing, flying level or gliding. Therefore we may substitute in the formula:

Endurance =

$$\frac{30,000 \times W_r \times N}{\text{work against drag per second}} = \frac{30,000 \times W_r \times N}{\frac{W_r \times V_s}{V_s}} =$$

where  $W_r$  stands for total weight of model in ounces,  $V_s$  stands for sinking speed in inches per second and  $N$  = the efficiency of the propeller in per cent.

This formula provides a convenient method for computing the theoretical endurance of any model. The weight of rubber and the total weight are easily measured. The sinking speed may be determined by gliding the model after its prop has been removed and a weight equivalent to it has been added to the nose.

Propeller efficiency may also be determined experimentally, but tests made in Boston on indoor propellers show that the efficiencies range from 40% for very poor props to 50% for the best ones tested. Therefore, 50% may be used as the efficiency of a typical indoor propeller without serious error.

An example will demonstrate the use of this formula. Consider an indoor model of the following characteristics:

Weight without rubber	.....	.080 oz.
Weight of rubber (18-inch loop 7/64-inch)	.....	.070 oz.
Time required to glide model from 6-foot altitude (72-inches)	.....	17 seconds
Sinking speed equals $72/17$ or 4.23 inches per second.		
Endurance =	$(.080 \times .070) / (4.23)$	=
	1652 seconds or 27.6 minutes.	

More than 27 minutes! The classroom is in an uproar. Quiet, quiet, everybody! That this is longer than any such model has ever flown is explained by the facts that it is rarely possible under contest conditions to put the maximum number of turns in the rubber, that propeller efficiency is lower at the start of the flight and that the adjustment of a model never remains perfect throughout the flight. The result given by the formula may be regarded therefore as a theoretical maximum which it is possible to reach only if everything is perfect.

However, the class can use the formula to compare various models without taking time off from their studies to travel to the Lakehurst or Akron airdocks to give their planes actual flight tests.

The formula also indicates the *only* means by which endurance may be increased; that is, by increasing the weight of rubber and the propeller efficiency, and by reducing the total weight and the sinking speed.

Class'll be called to order next month for a concluding discussion which will consider best means for increasing indoor endurance.

## The Plane On The Cover

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use of extended lead weights. Dual air-speed indicators are carried in each wing tip for more accurate readings.

The fuselage is built up on a framework of welded chrome-molybdenum steel tubing. The forward portion is covered with dural sheet, the top partly with sheet and partly with plywood, and the sides and bottom with fabric. The fuselage cross-section varies progressively rearward from a circular section at the nose to a perfect rectangular section at the rear. From the wing trailing edge to the rudder post the bottom of the fuselage is perfectly flat to aid the belly gunner in the use of his weapon.

The pilot and radio operator's cabin is situated high atop the fuselage on the turtle-back with sliding hatches within a glass enclosure. The cabin is very narrow and low and excellently streamlined. To the rear, within the continuation of the cabin is the rear gunner located within a glass enclosed compartment with a retracting rear portion which slides down within the fuselage to permit egress for the top machine gun. Within the nose below the center line is a glass enclosure housing the bombardier with provisions for a machine gun being optional. The rear gunner is located beneath the fuse-

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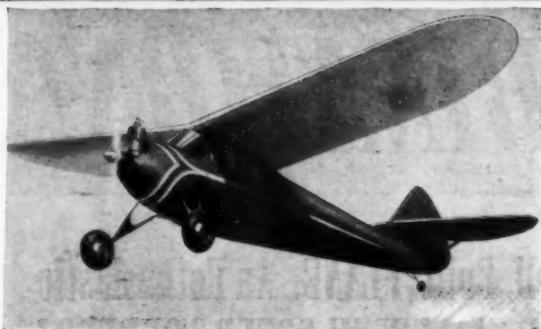
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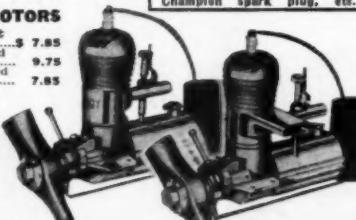
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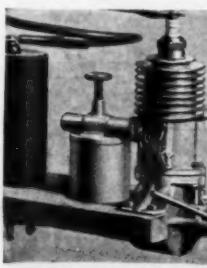
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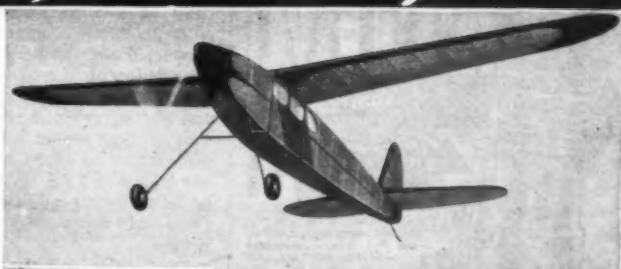
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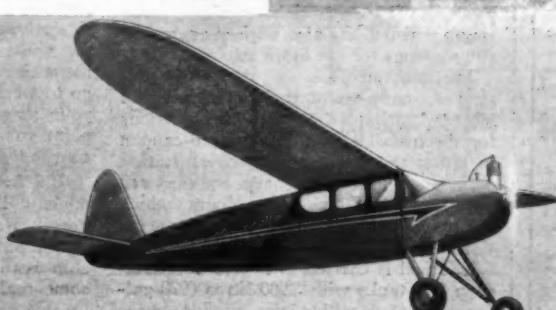
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lage in a streamlined blister with a rearward firing machine gun. Within the hull are living accommodations for the crew of six, emergency equipment and stowage. All compartments are interconnected and the bombardment officer is provided with duplicate flight controls, instruments, bomb-sights and releases and photographic equipment. The bomb compartment proper is situated within the central portion of the fuselage and a total bomb load of 1,250 kg. (2,750 pounds) can be handled with additional provisions for five hundred pounds in racks beneath the wings.

The engine nacelles are located close inboard and are highly tapered and streamlined. The landing gear is retractable with hinging plates folding inward over the strut braces leaving only a portion of the wheel exposed near the rear of the nacelle. The wheels are equipped with dual shock absorbers and retraction is hydraulic with alternate mechanical operation. Complete warning lights have been installed. The engine mount is continuous and integral with the main wing structure.

Power is supplied by two Italian Alfa-Romeo 128R.C.20 nine-cylinder air cooled radial engines developing nine hundred horsepower for take-off with a maximum service horsepower of 850 horsepower at 2,500 r.p.m. at rated altitude of 2,500 meters (8,200 feet). A development of the 126R.C.34 design, it has a fuel consumption per horsepower-hour (87 Octane C.F.R.) of only .54 at normal power at rated altitude. This particular model is a low altitude engine and the earlier design gives a higher output at altitude.

These motors are enclosed in highly efficient long-chord cowlings. They project well forward of the wing leading edge and are equipped with cooling flaps for over-heating venting. These drive three-bladed Savoia-Marchetti (Hamilton-Standard license) controllable pitch propellers encased in streamlined nose spinners which are also utilized as de-icer slinger rings for use in the Alpine regions.

The armament is, as previously described, made up of three machine-guns mounted in imitations with provisions for the installation of heavy aero-cannon in either the upper rear gunners station or in the wings. The bombs are disposed of through hinging trap doors which swing wide outward during hostile operations.

The fuel is carried in twelve duraluminum fuel tanks with 3,900 litres (920 gallons) located within the wing between the second and third spars on either side of the fuselage. Oil is carried within the engine nacelles with a capacity of 86 gallons.

The Savoia-Marchetti S-79B has a wing span of 66 feet 3 inches and is 53 feet 2 inches long. It stands 13 feet 6 inches high and has a wing area of 646 square feet. Empty it weighs 15,180 pounds. The crew, equipments, etc., weigh 880 pounds, fuel and oil 3,014 pounds, stowage 2,400 pounds, and a disposable load (bombs) of 7,700 pounds. Gross weight (loaded) is 22,660 pounds which makes this giant within the twelve-ton category. The wing loading is 34.64

pounds per square foot, power loading 9.46 pounds per horsepower.

Its maximum speed of rated altitude is 265.62 miles per hour and it cruises at 231.25 miles per hour. It climbs to 3000 meters (9,840 feet) in nine minutes and to 4000 meters (13,120 feet) in 13 minutes 30 seconds. It has a service ceiling of 27,600 feet and can climb to 18,100 feet on one engine. It has a cruising range of 1680 miles readily augmented under war conditions.

Huge numbers of the SM-79B bomber are being built in the Sesto Calende and Borgomanero works of the firm to replace the earlier bomber models. Over fifty have been completed and about twice that many are definitely on order for the Italian Air Force. In addition several have been dispatched to the Air Force in Iraq.

The SM-79B is cleverly designed, has been thoroughly proven and is being popularly received, a fitting tribute to a group of determined engineers and scientists who will soon celebrate twenty-five years of aeronautic achievement, Savoia-Marchetti in Italy.

#### Build a Savoia-Marchetti SM-79B Bomber Model

Here's one for you detail hounds who are in your glory when spending forty hours on a single landing gear assembly. The SM-79B Italian Bomber is as sleek as a whistle and with that tapered shark-like nose out in front it should add brilliance to any modeler's shelf. Purchase fuselage and wing blocks of balsa and layout side and top views as shown in the plans. Saw this to shape and your work is practically done for with our new silhouette cross-section templates modeling time has been shaved considerably. Paste these on heavy cardboard and fit to indicated positions as you work. The wing is best made in one piece and the fuselage set down on it. The nacelles can be spun out on a lathe, niched to receive the wing, and cemented in. Carve out the entire nose-gunner's compartment and go to work on that glass framework with your surgical instruments for that's the point you're going to make or break the continuity of the fuselage shape.

And for the artistic in the crowd this model will take paint like "nobody's business." Red and white was our selection with a shiny enamel finish and this little ship really radiates beauty. We've got some really good pictures for you to go by this month so study them closely and don't miss a rivet on those nacelles. You can't beat this ship for cleanliness, speed and sheer beauty; so make your Savoia-Marchetti SM-79B Italian Bomber your A Number One display model from now on.

#### The Executive "Goes To Town"

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increase the strength of your wing by adding the spar shown on the plan which is  $1/16" \times 3/16"$  at the center section and tapers to  $1/16" \times 1/8"$  at the wing tips. Crack the wing spars just outside the

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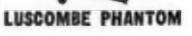
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Well, after that sermon on what every good model builder should know, we'll point out that the minor adjustments which were necessary on our test model consisted in warping the left trailing edge down to cure a tendency to spiral to the left under power, and warping the elevators up to compensate for the slight weight of that nose wheel.

As for ruggedness and flight ability: the wife of our local club president picked the ship up, put a few turns in and hurled it at us bodily. The model nonchalantly pulled up over our head, smacked into the light fixture, spun down to the living room table, and then scuttled around unscathed like a hungry cockroach. Yep, she's a good ship.

Good luck with your Seversky Executive.

### Flash-News

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is the plan of Admiral William D. Leahy, soon to become its governor. Tunnel airports, fast fighting planes will be included, he states.

Record: Rene LeFevre in a Lockheed 14 from Paris to Brazzaville, Equatorial Africa. Course of 4,781 miles covered in 26 hours, 50 minutes flying time. Two more Model 14's on order for the French Air Ministry. Also Marshall Headle, Lockheed test pilot, from Paris to Algiers in 3 hours, 55 minutes in a 14.

England training her fuzzy-cheeked pilots in a great and foolish hurry is report. Result: Five killed in the mid-air collision of a bomber and a fighter, two killed in the crash of a Fairey "Battle," one crashed and pinned in wreckage for 24 hours before wayfarer rescued him.

Irish Sea Airways, Dublin to London Airway, will use Lockheed 14's.

Captain Polina Ossipenko, famed Russian woman flier, and companion killed in crash. She handled the record-breaking far-East flight of 3,717 miles last winter.

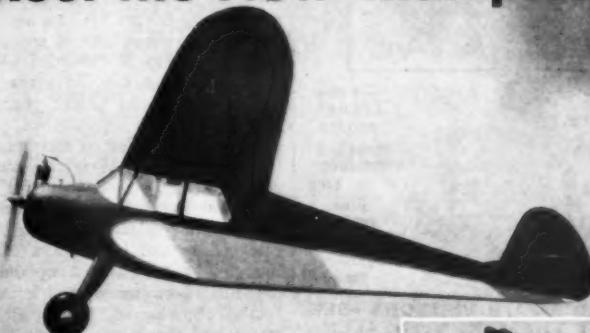
Mme. Olga Girod, French champion woman glider pilot killed in glider crash.

New "Duplex-Cyclone" installed on startling Consolidated Flying Boat, the largest and most powerful air-cooled aircraft engine in the world, develops two thousand horsepower from its 18 cylinders.

President Roosevelt shelved the navy's plans for a three million dollar dirigible, bids on which were recently rejected. Struggle continues, with fate against lighter than air. K-2, navy's largest nonrigid blimp crashed into tree and collapsed at Lakehurst during a training flight.

Jonathan Browning, one of armaments three famous brothers, died in a conference

## Meet the New Champion



Here's an actual picture story of the "Mercury's" test flight at Paterson, N.J., on March 5.

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To meet this specification the construction had to be changed from orthodox, and in conjunction with it the airfoil was also changed so that it is almost flat at the tips. One reason for such airfoil at the tip is to lessen the tip drag as well as decrease the stalling point. However, the stalling portion can almost be forgotten since our large stabilizers never allow the wing to approach near a stall unless the balance or settings are wrong. But the drag part is important especially since the side flow reacts differently on the two tips, and we must not forget the long moment arm of the tips.

The construction itself requires exact pre-cutting of the edges. The trailing edge is cut to shape while the leading edges is tapered in a sort of an elliptical curve and it is bent to shape while the wing is fixed to the board. The exact sizes will have to be determined from the half-size scale drawings. The first step is to draw a full size outline. Make the edges and ribs. Now superimpose the edges over the drawing and hold them in place with pins. Note that the T.E. must be angled near the center and the L.E. twisted to present perpendicular face.

Now it is just a matter of cutting the ribs to sizes measured from the space between the edges. The section will accommodate itself very readily almost up to the tips, and then it is more or less shaped by the eye. Every once in a while sight along the top to be certain of unbroken taper. While the wing halves are still on the board, cement the balsa tips, 1/64" sheet and 1/64" caps. The trailing edges of the sheet can be sanded between the ribs to weakened hollows so that the paper will have no angled breaks. Do likewise with the caps.

After both halves are completely smoothed and sanded, the center section is made up as shown. Pins help in holding the assembly to correct alignment as well as increase the strength. A final touch of extra cement on rib joints completes the wing.

### Rudders And Stabilizer

The twin rudders are used to give the stabilizer a higher aspect ratio effect and also to determine how strong the stabilizer must be to support the tail portion on its tips. We had a fond hope of having a single wheel retractable landing gear with twin rudders to provide the needed three points for ground stability. The rudders proved to be too large but the increase of dihedral provided the corrective. This should be kept in mind if lower power is used or if spiral troubles develop in a gas conversion. Outside of the aluminum strip to keep adjustments without cracking the sheet, the drawings cover the constructional details.

The changes indicated on the drawings as modifications for the new rules, and for better stability, have already been made on the model. No difference was found in longitudinal stability with the 33% stabilizer area. The greatest difference was shown by using smaller rudders, as shown in dotted outline. The model now maintains an even keel with no signs of spiral instability. The large six inches dihedral can be cut down to five inches

### What To Build For The Wake-field

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lage is finished as a unit; that is, paper covered and doped with banana oil before the covers are cut out, be sure to have some sort of marks to indicate the cover section for cutting. Note that there is a duplication of bulkheads where the covers occur to provide snug fitting. These may be made afterwards.

Planking is surprisingly easy and fast. There is no need of worrying about curved tapers as the soft balsa fits very easily with straight tapers. If the planks do not lay evenly the "slip-ups" are easily corrected with sand paper. In sanding be careful to avoid "windows" of thinned walls; always check after few strokes and use fairly fine paper towards the end. The drawings cover most of the questions which may arise. The fuselage unit itself is comparatively light on the final weight and it is recommended for any sort of design using the basic principle of this style planking.

### Wing

The wing might be rather stubby to some but there are good reasons for it. It is a known fact that large chord has better airfoil characteristics than a small chord, and as such it reacts much more effectively. The smaller chords of three inches or less have a tendency to stall very easily and at the same time they approach almost flat-plate characteristics since their minuteness does not allow substantial cambering. The lift of a wing depends on how strong is its reaction on the air molecule. Since airfoils stall sooner at low speed we must provide means of reacting on air at comparatively low incidences or angle of attacks hence the deeply undercambered design.

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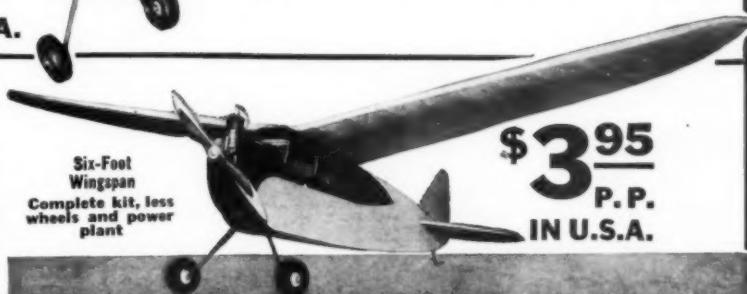
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if smaller rudders are used as the model has a strong dihedral stability. When six inches dihedral is used with smaller rudders it has a tendency to rock once or twice when upset by gusts before assuming smooth flight.

Flights tests with the new changes were carried out with full power of 18 strands of 1/4" rubber. To keep the model inside the small field, only a portion of the motor was used. The idea is to divide the motor into two sections and hold them together with a wire ring. The front portion is 1/3 of the length and rear is 2/3. All we need now is a pin through the fuselage at the point where it can be inserted through the ring and prevent turning. A good pin-fitting on the fuselage is to cement two large face bushings to the sides if the fuselage is balsa covered, which stunt is similar to the idea used on bulkhead No. 13. To use only the front motor, wind up until the slack is taken up, shove the 1/16" wire pin through the ring and you are all set to use the front portion only. Now you can carry out full power tests with only 1/3 of the power time, just enough to keep the ship in the field.

(In testing, the nose plug dropped out once and heavy nose plug and propeller tangled up in rubber and started a spin. The model took on the nose, so be sure that your propeller stays in place during the glide.)

## Propeller Assembly

The propeller is carved from balsa which can be used for anchors. It will require a hunting knife but it will last indefinitely. The prop was carved as it is preached to be, the blank being cut exactly on the lines so that it balanced. The lower camber has a definite curve. This was done by first carving the lower portion absolutely flat on the helix. Then a line was drawn 1/3 back from the L.E. Now the camber was cut first from the front to the depth required. Finally the rear portion was done in similar fashion. If both blades are carved following such procedure, the uniformity is assured as checking is by degrees. The upper camber was then carefully carved to produce the airfoil; so that it can be truthfully stated that the blades do have the section given. If you work in this fashion, the prop will balance in all stages of equal finish. Although a solid spinner was carved to fit, a much simpler method is shown so that you will not hedge away from spinners. It is just a matter of cementing a disk above and below and then planking. The tip is fixed to the shaft and is made of solid balsa since it does not have to be cut to special curves.

The nose plug is rather heavy on the original model since it was designed to be used with twin motors. The many gadgets are shown in the drawings and you will have to judge sizes to fit. The rubber tensioner uses a rubber band for tension. The wire portion should be made to slide smoothly inside the tube. Note that the front plug is cut from the first bulkhead which provides perfect fitting. The hook portion also has several features. Note the curved portion which provides a starting point and end for a winding rubber band which closes the

hook. The cambric tubing will keep rubber from tearing and the rubber tube, an English innovation, will prevent climbing. 5/16" elastic tube will do.

The final step in the prop is to cut it to outline. If the blank is curved on diagonals only the tip need be shaped to an elliptical shape. It might be mentioned here that the prop is cut-in on the center before carving to provide an almost neutral angle of attack which helps in using power for the mid-portion where it does most good. Of course the blades are highly sanded, silked and doped several times.

## Landing Gear

The idea of this type of landing gear originated with Frank Ehling but it had to be modified considerably to suit conditions. His original idea was to use the special bend in the wire in conjunction with stops and a rubber tensioner fixed to the lower portion of the curve so as to pull the landing gear towards the nose. This would provide regulated shock absorption, but the idea did not prove practical with 1/16" wire on such a heavy model. If the rubber tension was too strong the wire would bend. Hardwood fairings made it bend just at the beds, so it was necessary to cement a wire hook into the nose and solder small guy wires to the landing gear. All that is necessary for easy packing is to slip off the guy wires from the hook and the landing will fold back.

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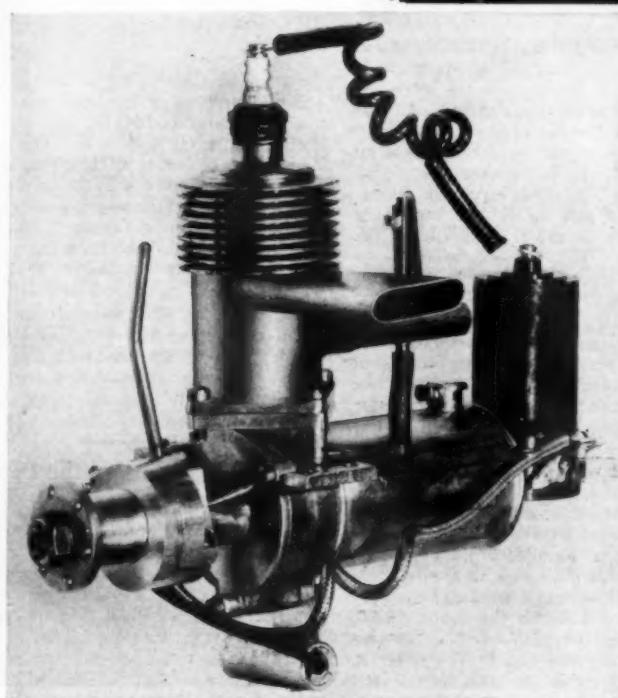
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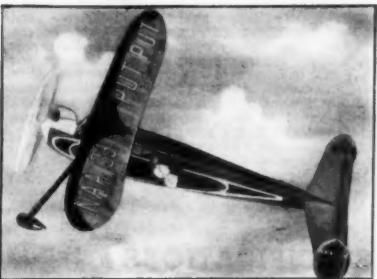
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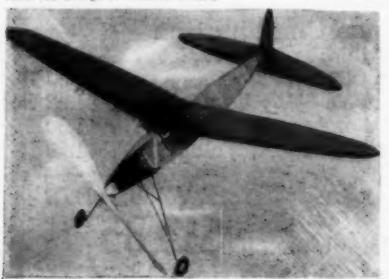


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**Finishing And Power**

The model is sanded smoothly all over before covering and is covered with standard paper and given two coats of dope. Be especially careful to have the paper stick to the undercamber. Use regular cement if necessary. Of course the grain runs span-wise.

The model will fly on any power from 18 strands of 1/8" to 18 strands of 1/4". It flew on the very first try with the C.G. at about 50% of the chord. The motor is inserted by first fixing it to the prop hook and then pulled through with a wire hook. As it passes the No. 13 bulkhead the wire pin is passed through the loops. Note how the tube-strength idea is carried throughout the fuselage by the covering of the wing cut-in as well as the tail opening. It is important that you do these things, especially if high power is used.

Flying is more or less left to your experience as the model has sufficient inherent stability to make adjustments unnecessary. The incorporated thrust adjustments and possibly just a wee bit of right rudder will complete the job. You will find the ship fairly fast under all power conditions. Be sure to work up the

winds gradually so that you will be able to check its spiral stability. Winding the 18 strands of 1/4" is a job, so be extra sure of the winding hook since the enormous power is liable to pull it out of the chuck. It was found next to impossible to break such large motors so give them "the works." The stated 900 turns were a bit over the table but they were achieved with a bit of teeth grinding.

**Conclusion**

Although you might not make the model, a careful study of the drawings should help you with many new ideas. The "New Yorker III" has special memories attached to it. It won a second place in the Paris Exposition contest and netted 1,000 francs (about \$37.00) just when it was needed most. It just so happened that on our way back to New York we passed through Paris with still ten days before the ship sailed from Southampton, arriving with but \$7.00 and still a long way to go. So with this extra money we were able to visit friends in Belgium, Holland and return to London with a North England visit.

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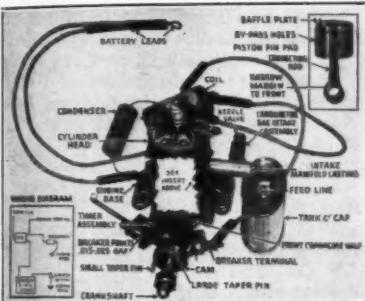
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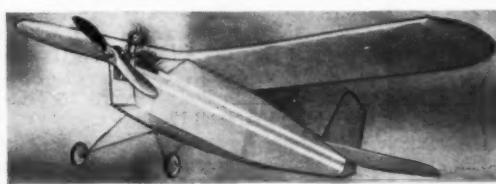
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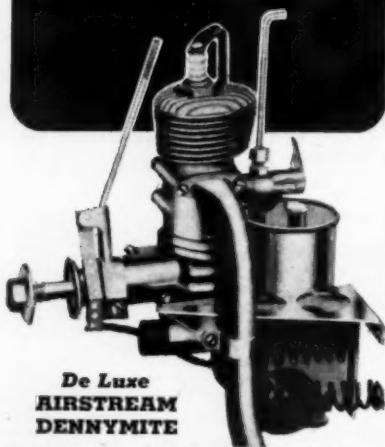
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Most radical design is that of the North American model designated as the NA-40B. This ship is a high-wing monoplane which incorporates a new type of motor mounting for its two 1350 horsepower Wright motors. The motor nacelles hang entirely below the wing, although they are actually built into the wing structure. The ship also has a twin rudder arrangement similar to that in use on all Lockheed planes.

The wing span on the North American is 66 feet. The ship clings close to the ground because of its tricycle landing gear, a feature which soon may be incorporated in all military planes, since the army is responsible for its design. Hydraulic mechanisms operate the tri-wheel undercarriage. However, when the ship lands the front nose wheel does not come down with the two landing wheels, but follows the others just before the nose of ship hits the ground.

Armament features of the North American, a delicate subject with the army, include a front nose turret which is directly forward of the pilot's control station. There is also a gun turret in back of the pilot compartment on top of the fuselage. The ship will depend upon its speed and maneuverability for protection from attackers rather than upon strong armaments.

Reports are that the plane carries a crew of three with a bomb load of approximately half a ton. It has a gross weight of nine tons.

Although no reports on its performance can be obtained because it is a competitive design and army restriction forbids release of such data, the ship is reported by authoritative sources to have a speed of approximately 320 miles per hour. Its probable ceiling is around 15,000 feet.

Unfortunately, however, about two weeks after the North American bomber came here army officers and engineers saw what reminded them again of the famous "contest of the three" mentioned above. They saw this radically designed ship, the plane they had hoped so much would prove "just the thing," plunge to earth in flames. Luckily this time the crew walked away with only minor injuries.

What caused the crash has so far been kept a military secret, but rumors say it was due to "man fault." This starts something because only ten days previous and not five miles distant from where the bomber took its fatal plunge another of the army's experimental ships, the Seversky P-41, crashed and burned. The same rumor still is about regarding the pursuit plane crash.

Observers who saw the crash say the \$500,000 attack bomber of the North American Corporation was flying along at 600 or 700 feet when something apparently went wrong. They said the pilot then tried des-

perately hard to land the ship at Wright Field, missing it by only a short distance. When the plane was only ten or fifteen feet above the ground, coming in on a glide, observers say, she suddenly plunged to earth and burst into flames.

Those split seconds between the actual impact and the burst of flames were enough for an act of heroism on the part of a crew member. He happened to be the first out of the ship and it was his assistance in getting open an emergency hatch that enabled his fellow men to climb out to safety.

The three officers who were testing the ship were Maj. Younger Pitts of Barksdale, California; Lieuts. George F. McGuire and James W. Anderson, Jr., also of March Field. They had come here from the combat group to take part in the acceptance tests of the bomber.

To many who are acquainted with the procedure which heretofore has been the program of testing with the army this step seemed unwise. Test pilots, and expert engineers at the Wright Field laboratory have always in the past handled testing of new planes. Some pointed to this as basis for the rumor about "man fault" but one quickly quenches this when it is considered that the officers who have come in from the actual tactical units are themselves the best trained pilots Uncle Sam can produce. Test pilots at the Division were all at one time or another acting personnel in some of the tactical squadrons.

Up until the time of the crash reports were that engineers had been greatly impressed by the North American and were looking forward to its acceptance into the Air Corps. The crash greatly upset the chances of this entry in its part in the air corps expansion program. However some sources indicated that the plane might yet be purchased, despite the unfortunate accident. Orders for the Seversky P-41 have already been placed by the Air Corps. This was also true when the army bought the "Flying Fortresses" in face of the fatal crash resulting in a test flight at Wright Field.

Although estimated at a half million dollar loss the crash of the North American did not cost Uncle Sam anything. Neither did the crash of the XP-38 nor of the Seversky P-41. It is interesting to know that every plane which comes to Wright Field for testing is first insured by the company which it represents. True, the insurance rates are high, but companies stand back of the losses.

In the case of the North American more than \$1000 an hour was paid in insurance premiums, but since the plane had only a limited number of flight hours to its credit the insurance company lost a great deal of money on the deal. The B-15 costs as high as \$7000 a day during its six months testing here, but the Boeing company was protected on a million dollar investment while the plane was being subjected to the rigid program of military testing.

The Boeing (Stearman) is also a high-wing design with a conventional two wheel landing gear which retracts into the engine nacelles. This ship is powered with twin Pratt & Whitney 1400 horsepower engines. Although its motors also are beneath the wing the nacelles are not built flush with the top of the wing camber.

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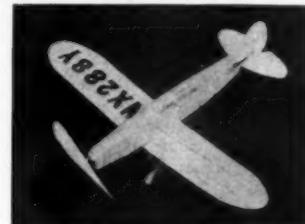
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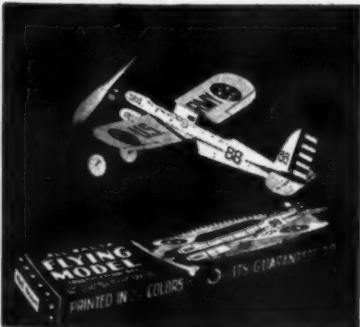
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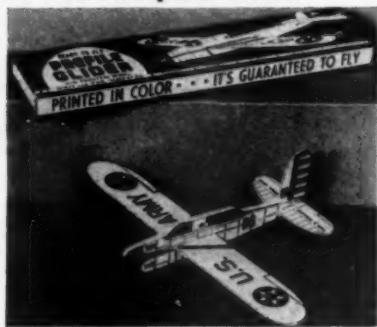
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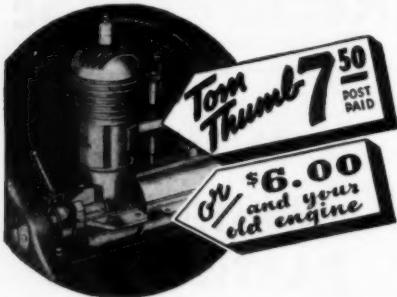
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Designated as the X-100 the Stearman has a wing-span of 65 feet, an overall length of approximately 52 feet and stands 12 feet above the ground. It weighs nine tons gross and has crew accommodations for four men.

The Stearman has a single rudder and is more of a box-like construction than either of the other two planes. The gunner sits in the nose and from here also controls the bombing operations. Other armaments include a turret on top of the fuselage to the rear of the pilot and one underneath.

Flight tests at the Stearman plant in Wichita, Kansas, have proven the plane to have ideal flying characteristics. The ship has an estimated speed of "well in excess of three hundred miles per hour."

Before bringing his entry to the field Glenn L. Martin, famous plane designer, said that the "New Martin bomber is one of the cleanest designs ever turned out by the Martin Company. It is capable of speeds which may make it the fastest bomber of modern times."

This designer was the man who several years ago introduced the mid-wing Martin B-10's and later the B-12's which revolutionized the bombing plane. At that time the Martin planes were the fastest bombers in existence. They gave the Air Corps engineers something to shoot at and, because of their great speeds, practically rendered all pursuit ships then in service obsolete.

When the new Martin, which is known as the Martin-167, came to Wright Field for testing those who saw the ship were amazed at its likeness to the "Flying Fortresses." It is similar in many ways to the giant ships, however, it is only powered with two motors instead of the four power units which line the wing of the B-17's. Two Pratt & Whitney 1100 horsepower engines furnish the power for the Martin all-metal, mid-wing monoplane. The ship has a gross weight of eight and one-half tons and can carry a crew of three.

The wing span is 61 feet, four inches, and its over-all fuselage length is 48 feet, 6 inches. It is the only one of the three ships entered in the competition which is already equipped with de-icing devices,

which may indicate that it is also equipped for high altitude flying. The Martin also has a nose turret which is directly in front of the pilot's cabin. However its design differs greatly from either the Stearman or the North American, for its pilot cabin is very similar to that of an ordinary transport plane. Its mid-wing design is a feature of all Martin planes.

All of these ships are equipped with full-feathering, three-bladed propellers. They are the latest that Uncle Sam has to offer in bombing planes.

The test pilots who will report on this newest type of fighting plane are Maj. Paul L. Williams of Barkdale Field; Maj. Walter R. Peck of March Field; Maj. Stanley M. Umstead of Wright Field, and Capt. Ernest H. Lawson of March Field. The name of the fifth one was not learned.

What will become of the giant bombers?

That is the question which aeronautical experts are asking since the army has suddenly become so seriously interested in the new attack planes.

The giants will still remain. They are America's greatest defensive weapon, but their defense is of an offensive nature. That is, to be a protector they must be an aggressor.

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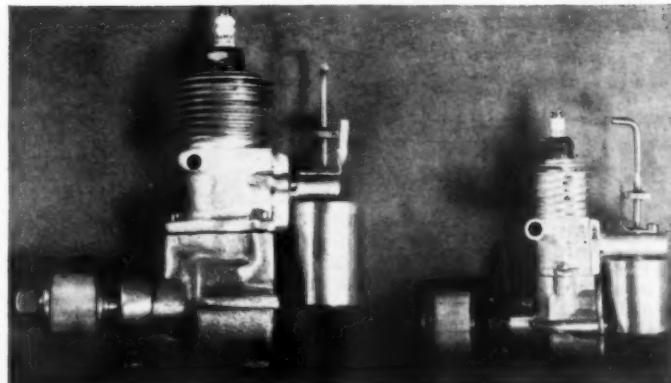
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### N.A.A. News

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sentiment when it made the decision.  
In conjunction with the ruling the A.M.A. states:

"In the glider events where nine flights are permitted with no delayed flights allowed, the three highest officially recorded 'times' should be totaled, and divided by 3 to obtain the 'three-flight-average' duration for contest and record application purposes.

"In the standard categories, where three flights are permitted and where the 'three-delays-constitute-an-official flight' ruling is in effect, in the event a delayed flight exceeds the time of an official flight, in totaling the three official flights, the delayed flight shall replace the official flight which it exceeded."

### Enlarged Model Division Requests Cooperation From Directors to Speed Its Work

The newly reorganized and enlarged Model Division of the N.A.A. which is now set up to provide more aid to leaders in the field and prompt action on memberships, asks that all official contest directors, when sending into headquarters reports on sanctioned competitions, use the form provided for that purpose by the Model Division.

Also, when applying for national records on behalf of aeromodelers making record-breaking flights, directors are requested to fill out the official form which

can be presented to the Contest Board of the N.A.A. without further notations or additions.

A supply of both forms is available to all Contest Directors in good standing. Address such requests to Model Division of the National Aeronautic Association, Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C., including 6c in stamps.

### Good News For Gasoleers!

According to the large number of "promises-to-insure" which are being received daily at the headquarters of the N.A.A.'s Gas Model Division in Washington, insurance is going to be available to gas contestants in the near future.

You know, this plan was originally shelved because 500 fellows didn't want to part with \$1 until the other chap did—and, well, the result was not enough insurance applications were received to permit the excellent plan to go into effect and have policies issued.

When this was announced, of course, lots of folks said "Well, I would have applied had I known that was the case. Here's my promise, let me know when insurance is available."

If you hold a gas model license and haven't yet signed one of these "promises-to-insure" and want such protective insurance coverage, fill out the correct form and mail it immediately to Washington. If you haven't a form ask headquarters for one. Come on now, everyone, get behind this insurance program. It's for your benefit!

### International Competition In Norway On September 3, 1939

What do you expect to be doing on the third of September, this Fall? If you plan to be in the vicinity of Norway this item will be of especial interest. And even if you can't make the competition, it is encouraging to note another international meet on the horizon.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics makes public the following invitation from the Norway Aero Club:  
"National Aeronautic Association of U.S.A.,

Washington, D.C.,  
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Invitation to the International Model Aeroplane Competition on September 3rd, 1939.

The Norsk Aero Klubb begs to invite the members of your Club to take part in the international model aeroplane competition at Kjeller near Oslo on Sept. 3rd at 12 o'clock. The competition will be held according to the rules of F.A.I.

The competition will have one class only with wingspan from 70 cm. to 35 meters.

There will only be rise off ground start. The average time of three flights decides the order of prizes.

There will be a wandering Cup for the best members. The cup must be defended in Norway every year and must be won three times before it becomes the winner's property. There will also be a second and a third prize.

The last date for inscription (entry) is August 1st, 1939.

The number of competitors from each country is unlimited.

The Aero-Club of Norway will help to find lodging for the guests.

Yours truly  
Norsk Aero Klubb,  
(signed)  
President."

#### Schedule of N.A.A.-Sanctioned Contests

*July 15*—Gannett Newspapers sponsoring a National Aero Reserve Western N.Y. Meet at Genesee Valley Park, Rochester. Merchandise and plane rides. John L. Scherer, director, Gannett Newspapers, Municipal Airport, Rochester, N.Y.

*July 16*—Portland Gas Model Club sponsoring gas meet at Portland Gas Model Airport, Merchandise. Harry N. Fosbury, director, 5409 S.E. 92nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

*July 16*—Columbia Jr. Chamber of Commerce sponsoring rubber, gas, and scale meet at Columbia (Mo.) Municipal Airport. Merchandise and cash. Frank Lamb, director, Buchroeders Jewelry Co., Columbia, Mo.

*July 23*—All-event meet at Allegheny County Model Airfield, Pittsburgh. Merchandise. Harry G. Vogler, Jr., director, 303 Lowell St., Pittsburgh, Penna.

*July 23*—Omaha World-Herald sponsoring Midwest Gas Model Contest at Benson Park, Omaha. \$200 in cash, trophies and merchandise. L. B. Bush, director, 610 Redick Tower Building, Omaha, Nebraska. Rain date, July 30.

*July 26-27*—Mod-Kraft Company of New Orleans sponsoring Second Annual "Gulf States Model Air Meet" at New Orleans Model Airport, Milneburg. For information write to Contest Director, Gulf States Model Air Meet, 4506 Freret Street, New Orleans, La.

*July 29*—Linden Model Airplane Club sponsoring outdoor gas meet for state championship at Hadley Field under direction of Frank M. Krysiak, Board of Recreation Committee, Old City Hall, Linden, N.J.

*July 30*—Baltimore Model Airplane Association sponsoring the Second Annual Baltimore Model Airplane Contest; rubber and gas. Merchandise and trophies. William W. Saunders, director, 4303 Kathland Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

*July 30*—Veterans of Foreign Wars Local No. 775 sponsoring All-Iowa Model Meet to be held at Ottumwa Municipal Airport. Trophies and merchandise. Mr. C. P. Oleson, director, Municipal Airport, Ottumwa, Iowa.

*August 7*—Western State Gas Model Meet at Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Merchandise. J. G. Vinkemulder, director, 3160 Reeds Lake Blvd, Grand Rapids, Mich.

*August 12th*: The annual Eastern States Gas Model Meet, sponsored by the Metropolitan Model League and MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS, will be held at Hadley Field, N.J. The meet will be directed by Nathan Polk, Irwin Polk and Charles H. Grant. There should be several hundred contestants present from various states. For complete information write: Metropolitan Model League, 429, 7th Ave., New York City.

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### Frontiers of Aviation

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Pratt & Whitney Wasps delivering 600 hp. each for take-off. With a full load of 27,500 pounds, including 1100 gallons of fuel, the plane will have a top speed of 241 m.p.h., a cruising speed of 220 m.p.h. and a non-stop flying range of more than 2100 miles. Dimensions of the "Excalibur" are as follows:

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Another of Lockheed's forthcoming transports is the Electra 16-E. It is the "Model 16" that has been in the process of design for quite some time and is a development of the Electra, the first of Lockheed's famous twin-engined transports. Of low-wing design, the plane will have compartments in the wing as well as in the nose for storing the mail and baggage. Provisions will be made for 12 passengers and a crew of two.

With a wingspread of 60 feet and an overall length of 45 feet the airplane will weigh approximately 11,500 pounds, including 200 gallons of fuel. The power plant consists of two 550 hp. Pratt & Whitney Wasp engines turning Hamilton Standard constant speed propellers. Special attention has been given to the design for rapid service, maintenance and inspection, as well as sound-proofing and thermal insulation.

Design of the plane has been completed and the first one will be ready in about five more months. The "Excalibur" will follow a few months later and should be flying early in 1940. Performance estimates of the Electra 16-E are as follows:

Top Speed at 8,000 ft. . . . 228 m.p.h. Cruising speed at 11,800 ft. . . . 228 m.p.h.

Takeoff Run at Sea Level . . . 860 ft.

Takeoff Time . . . 15 seconds.

Landing Speed . . . 65 m.p.h.

Rate of climb at Sea Level . . . 1410 ft./min.

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One of a few tri-motored ships now in the design stage is Lloyd Stearman's plane known as the "Transair Model 17." Seating 17 passengers the airplane will have an engine mounted in the nose of the fuselage and two in the leading edge of the



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Fairchild's new military primary trainer that was completed in March and which is now at Dayton undergoing tests is an excellent little low-wing ship. Very clean in design, it sets two in tandem style in an enclosure behind an inverted 165 hp. Ranger 6-cylinder, in-line engine. It is of low-wing design, and according to Fairchild, the same method of construction is used as that in the Model "24." The landing gear is fixed.

We also hear that Vultee has completed their basic combat airplane that is similar in appearance to North American's BC-1. The Vultee is now at Dayton for tests. North American has now completed some BC-2 ships that are different from the BC-1 in many respects.

The last three planes of North American's last order for BC-1 airplanes were changed to BC-2 ships with many radical changes made. When we said in a previous issue that many new ships would soon come forth with "stub" wing tips only a short interval elapsed to prove our statement. First came the North American "50" single-engined fighter, the Stearman X-100, now the BC-2, and another North American creation, the new French trainer. They all have the "chopped off" wing tip and have proven it successful. The BC-2 now has an all-metal fuselage, integral fuel tanks in the wing, a higher horsepower engine, and newly designed rudder and ailerons. Construction of the airplane is superb and there is a rumor that North American has received an order for a large batch of these.

The first of the new design competitions has been opened. It was for attack-bombers and has nothing to do with the competition just preceding it in which North American, Martin and Stearman participated. The planes in the design competition are very much more advanced and will do well over 325 m.p.h. cruising. An advance rumor with no apparent foundation was that Curtiss won the competition. Bids on the basis of one plane and price per plane if an order of 1,000 was placed were:

Consolidated Aircraft	\$585,000	\$48,951
Curtiss-Wright	878,385	89,940
Glenn L. Martin	950,000	64,000
Bell Aircraft	504,000	78,000
Lockheed	1,225,000	75,540
North American	760,000	58,190
Douglas (Northrop)	742,000	55,623
Douglas	207,500	56,000

One of the most outstanding military creations at the moment is the Bell single-place pursuit plane. We mentioned this plane briefly a few months ago. It is a sleek low-wing ship with tricycle landing gear and three-bladed propeller. The nose wheel is mounted on a long leg attached to the fuselage just aft of the propeller spinner. The nose wheel assembly retracts backwards into the fuselage nose. The main landing gear retracts inwards into the wing.

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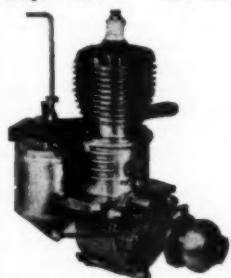
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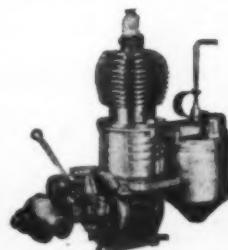
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The wing is of good taper and is about 35 feet in length while the fuselage length is in the neighborhood of 27 feet. With the pilot and the engine near the center of gravity the airplane has exceptional maneuverability in spite of its fast speed and probably marks the ultimate in the maneuverability-speed combination that a pilot can physically withstand. Known as the XP-39, it has been purchased by the Air Corps for further experimentation, as has Seversky's XP-41, a new mid-wing pursuit-interceptor with turbo-supercharger.

A unique feature not present on other modern pursuits is that the Bell ship has a door on the side of the fuselage for ingress and egress of the pilot. Formerly a sliding enclosure has been employed. While on the subject of pursuit-interceptors we hear that Lockheed has received an order for 13 of their XP-38 twin-engined model from the Air Corps.

Recent orders placed by the Army and Navy are as follows:

\$1,516,357 to Douglas from the Navy for single-engined low-wing dive bombers.

\$204,000 to Grumman from the Navy for new airplanes.

\$2,346,127.87 to North American Aviation from the Air Corps which may be for BC-2 ships.

Howell W. Miller, designer of such planes as "Time Flies," the "Q.E.D.," and the "Zeta" sportplane has now produced a small, four-place, twin-engined, pusher monoplane; the HM-4. The engines are four-cylinder Menasco enclosed in nacelles mounted on the upper surface of the wing near the trailing edge. The airplane is a low-wing ship with the wing slightly gullled

as it tapers into the fuselage. A tricycle landing gear is appropriately used.

The pusher and nose wheel feature affords exceedingly fine visibility. Having a very good appearance, the plane should find a satisfactory market and will sell for about \$15,000.

Specifications of the Miller HM-4 which have been made public are as follows:

Wing span—38 ft.; Length Overall—26 ft.; Wing Area—216 sq. ft.; Top Speed—170 m.p.h.; Cruising Speed—150 m.p.h.; Landing Speed—55 m.p.h.; Wing Loading—16.5 lb./sq. ft.; Power Loading 14 lb./hp.; Gross Weight—3,600 lb.; Power Plant—Two 125 hp. Menasco engines.

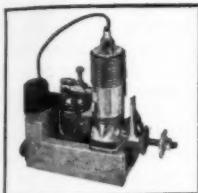
Mr. Ralph Beal, whom we mentioned several months ago as contemplating the manufacture of a flying wing, has now made arrangements with Aero Industries Technical Institute to build the first plane. It will have a wingspread of 41 feet and will carry two passengers. A true flying wing, all flight controls are located on the wing. Being rather clean in design it should perform very well and will be in the Cub class though perhaps slightly faster. A tricycle landing gear has been incorporated in the design.

Speaking of sportplanes, do not be surprised to see Clarence Chamberlain enter the field with the manufacture of a new light plane. As you probably remember, his last production ship was the "Crescent" of several years ago, a high-wing airplane similar to the Bellanca Pacemaker.

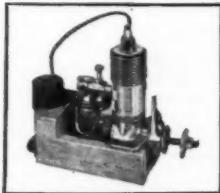
While Sterling Edwards is designing a new tail for their new twin-engined Continental "50" powered sportplane, the North Pacific Aircraft Corp. has begun test flights on another new twin-engined plane powered by two 50 hp. Menasco engines. The little ship certainly has eye-appeal. Of low-wing design, the plane has tandem seating for the crew of two in an enclosure above the fuselage. The small engines are mounted in nacelles extending from the wing which houses the retractable landing gear. Most important of all is the fact that the airplane is built of wooden geodetic construction and perhaps marks the first time an American airplane has been built by that method. Geodetic construction consists of

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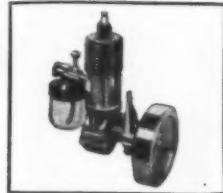


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Now is the time for someone to come out with a twin-engined, four-place sportplane powered by the new 65-70 hp. Continental engines and boasting of a nose-wheel. On Long Island, New York, a person by the name of Bruce Mayo, formerly with Seversky, has been working on the design of a small twin-engined, four-place ship powered by 50 h.p. engines. The interesting feature of this plane is that the engines are to be mounted in the leading edge of the wing with the propellers connected to long drive shafts extending through the wing chord to the trailing edge.

Up in Sacramento, California, the Universal Aircraft Company is building a small two-place, single-engined trainer with tandem seating arrangement. Designed to enter forthcoming Army training plane competitions it has a medium powered radial engine in the nose as well as a tricycle landing gear. It is of low-wing design with the tail mounted on a narrow cylindrical fuselage.

Here is some flash news on new designs just before we go to press:

Curtiss came out first in the single-engined pursuit competition with an order amounting to \$12,872,398, which consists of approximately 300 P-40 ships!

Lockheed received an order for a reported 13 P-38 twin-engined pursuit-inter-

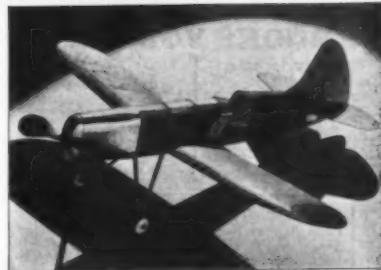
ceptors at a cost of \$2,180,728. Bell Aircraft's prize was a \$1,073,445 order for more "Airacudas."

But the headliner is that Consolidated Aircraft is building a four-engined heavy bomber that will be larger than the Boeing B-15. It is a development of Consolidated's trans-ocean flyingboats to be built in the near future in some respects. The new bomber, however, will be a landplane, and now that Consolidated has a sizable order for four-engined flyingboats for the Navy and their new twin-engined, 12,000 mile patrol bomber going through flight tests, things will certainly be humming in San Diego. The Army Air Corps has proffered \$2,880,000 for the development of the new Consolidated flying fortress!

All the above mentioned planes, except the Consolidated of course, will be advanced versions over their prototypes and will most certainly boost the Air Corps' standing.

Short Brothers' new four-engined transport being built in England will be a landplane with mid-wing and double-rudder tail. What Ho! With all the war preparation that is going on the English have not given up commercial aviation entirely!

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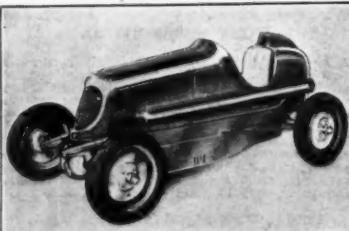
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## Have You Discovered Crinoline?

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it around and flowing it into the mesh. The cement softens the starch in the crinoline and when dry the unit which has been covered becomes as solid and as hard as stone. To cite a specific example, a one-wheel landing gear gas model built by the writer was first planked on the bottom, from the nose block to the rear of the wheel installation. (Landing wheel hung directly from fuselage bottom.) Soft balsa was used for this. It was then covered with crinoline, using an ample quantity of cement to adhere it. Cloth was then applied over the crinoline as the outer covering, followed by several coats of clear dope. This section, which comes in for plenty of abuse when the plane sits down in rugged country, has proved to be so hard and tough that nothing has harmed it to date, there being merely several slight scratches on the surface. If applied to the trailing edges of wings (using strips twice the width of the member, to complete a stretch with one piece) they become very hard and resistant to pulling up or down when covering has become taut. A gas model nose block of the removable type, which is made more on the order of a cowl, finishing with a thin balsa shell, can rarely be used in actual flight due to its delicacy. However, when covered inside and out with crinoline, it becomes sturdy enough to stand the severest of crackups.

Many other outlets for it for providing additional strength in your gas jobs are

awaiting your application. It might be mentioned also that a gas model propeller covered with it becomes a prop that just won't "say die."

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## Gas Lines

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tends to keep the center of lateral area fairly low. The whole plane emphasizes efficiency and also the highest degree of stability. Plecan is to be complimented on this job.

Picture No. 2 shows another very distinctive ship. The unusual feature of this plane is that it's a miniature hydro. Not only is it small in size but it takes off from the water with only a six foot run. It weighs only 28-1/2 ounces, which is remarkable for the weight of a hydro model. We note from the picture that the small area of the wing is compensated for by the use of a high cambered airfoil. This is good practice inasmuch as great lift is derived from little area. The ship is an "Eaglet" equipped with pontoons and was built by E. P. Lott of La Grange, Illinois, a pilot with United Air Lines.

Pictures No. 3 and No. 4 apparently show a full size plane on a flying field. If we told you this was true it wouldn't be hard to believe, especially if you examined the landing gear closely. Nevertheless this is merely a gas model equipped with one of the first practical, infallible, retractable landing gears. The ship was designed and built by Dick Roe of 3812 Clarington Avenue, Culver City, Calif. He has written telling us something about it, so we will let him speak for himself:

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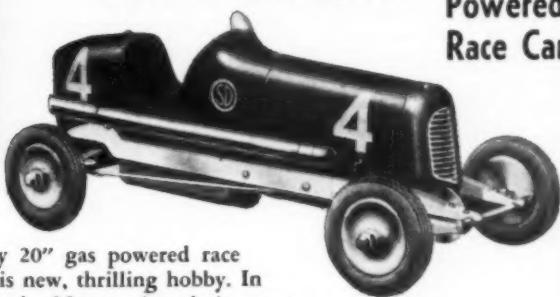


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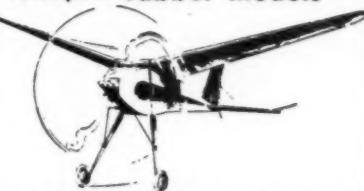
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The parts for this mechanism are constructed of aircraft steel tubing and aluminum. It is surprisingly light, rugged and has withstood many a hard knock without being fazed.

Charles Gruber of 239 East Whiting Avenue, Fullerton, Calif., sends us picture No. 5, showing what he believes to be one of the smallest gas jobs ever built. He is in the act of tuning it up while two of his intimate friends (and mechanics) look on. It was the smallest plane in the G.M.A.A.C. contest last December and also the smallest one in the Pomona, Calif., meet in March. It performed well at each contest but didn't win any prize. It flies extremely fast and has

a very fast landing. Only its stability saves it from crack-ups; it rarely ever turns upon landing. The wing spread is only 24 inches; the length over-all being 15 inches. The total weight is 15 ounces. The wing area being exactly one square foot, the wing loading then comes to 15 ounces per square foot. A regular size two-cell coil provides the spark for the Brat motor.

Elbert J. Weathers of 2720 Poinsettia Drive, San Diego, Calif., always seems to be "putting one over" on us model builders. Now he comes out with the "Ozone Kid," shown in picture No. 6. It looks like an immense bat. However its looks belie its performance, for Weathers gives us to understand that it's ultra-stable. It has a very swift take-off and climbs in comparatively tight circles to the left, at a steep angle. There is no excessive banking on the turns and, believe it or not, the glide is extremely flat; the model flying in with the greatest of ease, especially when landing into the wind.

Weathers built this model as an experiment to test the extremely high lift airfoil, the Grant M-2 (or M-7), with which the wing is equipped. The tail is a Grant M-210. The wing is set on the fuselage at six degrees positive and the stabilizer at zero. Experimental part of the design involves the wing unit which, though of only 48 inches span, has a span chord of 12 inches. Another unorthodox feature is the fuselage which has a very narrow width though it has a great deal of side area. It is of "teardrop" cross section.

The ship is equipped with a 1/6 horsepower engine, though one of 1/5 horsepower can be installed with difficulty or danger.

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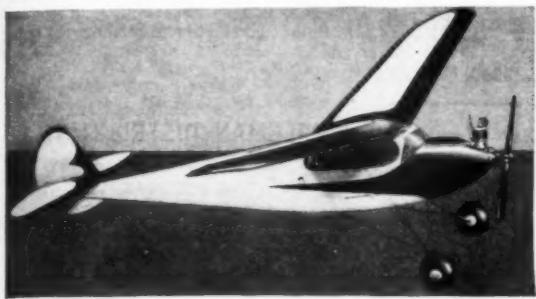
Some 300 contestants in all three gas model classes, displayed their craft on Sunday, May 21, before more than 8,000 spectators as the East Paterson Gas Model Club presented its first annual gas model meet at the Cherry Hill Airport.





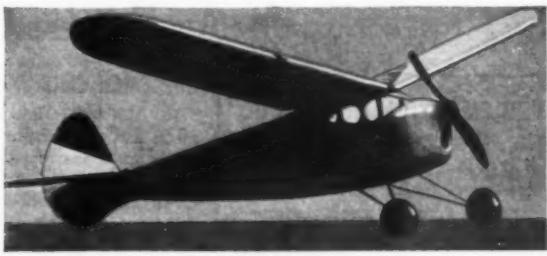
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Jack Findra Sr., who has been making Class C history so far this year, took first honors in Class C, with a total of 11:40 for two flights, his first being well over ten minutes. Mr. Findra's son, Jack Jr., took fifth in the same event with a ship similar to that used by his father, after the young man had lost a ship of his own design on a test hop. The Findra ships were powered by Brown Jr. motors, and resembled standard Buccaneers with a slightly larger wing. Roy Oliva took second with a standard Buccaneer doing 8:10 on two flights. Third was H. Spates with Magnus Anderson fourth.

Donald Huff did 5:28 on two flights to take Class B honors. Second prize winner was Harvey Wats, with Gordon Murray, defending champion, third in the

class. G. Moru and Gustav Jung were fourth and fifth, respectively. Frank Ehling, who placed in all three classes, took top honors in Class A. Second was Richard Boegehold with Jerry Stoloff third. Leo Shulman and Sal Taibi also placed in this event.

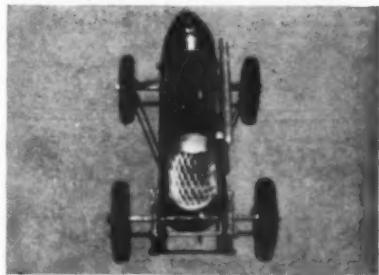
High point honors for the day were taken by Ehling, who received the Kresge trophy for his activity. All of Ehling's ships were similar, the little Class A job looking like a tiny shadow of his Brown-powered Class C ship.

### New York

The Metropolitan Model Airplane Council (of New York) has announced an innovation in gas model contests, which will enable beginners in the gas model building and flying game to compete in meets with other beginners, and experts to compete with experts.

Two meets will be held during July to further this program. The first meet will be held on July 23, and all fliers who have never won better than a sixth place in a meet sanctioned by the M.M.A.C., or who have been building less than a year, will be eligible to compete. Winners in the novice meet will be eligible to compete in the expert meet which will be held on

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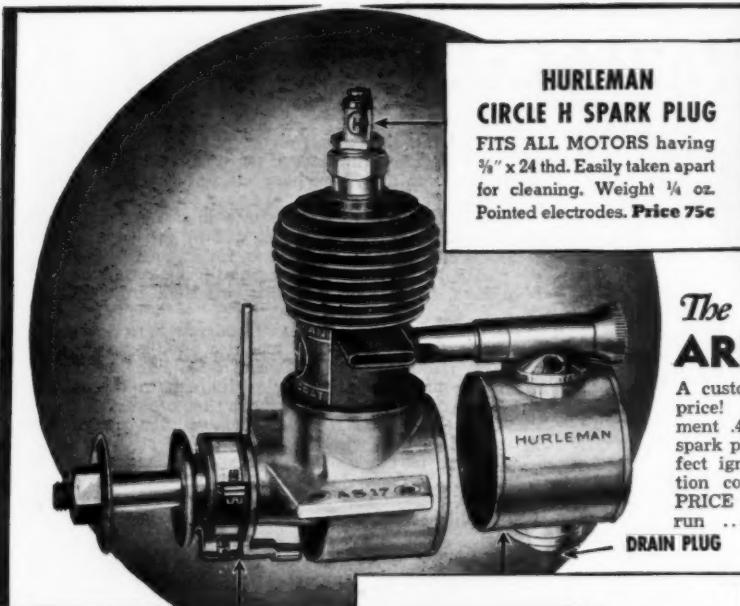
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**I.G.M.A.A. Unit No. 1**

The No. 1 unit of the reestablished I.G.M.A.A. is going at full speed. What do you think they have done now? They have substituted action for talk and have actually established a model airport which is to be used exclusively for the model fliers in the vicinity of Pittsburgh. It's called the Allegheny County Model Airfield. This is the second I.G.M.A.A. model flying field; the first such airport was established in California by I.G.M.A.A. members of that state. It was officially opened by the first contest of the Allegheny Mountain Area on Sunday, May 21st. Harry G. Vogler, publicity chairman, 303 Lowell Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., sends us a report.

At the first Model Wings Contest staged on the Model Wings Field, located near Mt. Lebanon in the Pittsburgh District, the members of Unit One helped a great deal toward making it a success. In fact the first two places in the gas section of this meet was taken by I.G.M.A.A.

members, with only a total lapsed time of three-fifths of a second dividing first place from second, and with the final difference of time on three official flights being one-fifth of a second.

There were a great number of gas powered models on the field bearing the insignia of the International Gas Model Airplane Association, Unit Number One, and the group placed first, second and sixth in gas. The contestants who placed in this group in the meet were George Gaydos, LeRoy Willard, and R. K. Allen.

Further, the group expects to participate in all the contests held over the area; first with meets at Elm Grove, Clarksburg, Bowling Green, the A.M.A. competitions at Butler and others in the area. Any unit may secure information of pending contests at Headquarters of Unit One, I.G.M.A.A., 114 So. Sheridan Avenue, Pittsburgh, Penna. They may participate in these events and also should any information be desired concerning the contests in Pittsburgh, a self-addressed, stamped envelope will secure full particulars for each individual.

Other contests which will take place in the Pittsburgh area are:

July 23rd, A.M.A. Contest; August 5th, Junior Aviator Eliminations; August 20th, and September 17th, A.M.A. Contests.

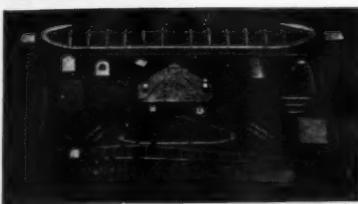
**Ohio**

The American Airlines Gas Model Club (a West Side Club), held a gas model contest against the Balsa Butch-

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ers (an East Side Club) on the East Side of Cleveland, Sunday, May 7th, with a total entry of 34 models. The victory went to the American Air Lines Gas Model Club; this club having nine members "in the money" against one member from the East Side Club. Winners were as follows:

First Prize won by Richard Korda. Second Prize won by Bill Schwab. Third Prize won by Harold Coover. Fourth Prize won by Rodney Mitchell. Fifth Prize won by Ralph Mitchell.

Best original Design, won by Robert Besse. Best Crack Up, won by Ray Weil. Youngest Entry having the best time was Frank Dunn. Youngest Entry entered in Contest was Edward Istivan.

All these winners belonged to the American Air Lines Club, except Richard Korda.

An entry fee of 25 cents per member was charged and the winning club received the total amount of the entry fees.

This club would like to hear from members of any clubs interested in having a contest during the summer. Address communications to The American Air Lines Gas Model Club, headquarters at 9609 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

T. W. Summers of "The World-Herald," Omaha, Nebraska, sends us the following news release:

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is busy drafting rules which will be ready soon to mail to participants. Entrants will be divided into three groups, junior, senior, open class. There will also be a small bore engine event.

#### Pennsylvania

Bobby Kauffman of the Wynfield Gas Model Association won the first monthly meet of the Philadelphia Gas Model Association on April 23rd. He flew a small Buccaneer powered with an Ohlsson "23" to a time of 53.9 seconds. Bob Jacobson of the P.M.A.A. was second with 53.8 and F. Fullmer was third with 48 seconds. All times were so low due to a very high wind.

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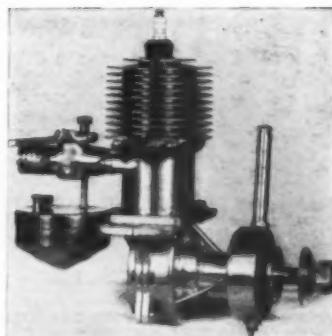
Earl B. Danielson of 814 S. 18 Street, Newark, N.J., writes and says he is an old member of the I.G.M.A.A. and now hears this organization has been reorganized, and he would like to become a member again. The new I.G.M.A.A. organization is composed of units only, and not of individual members. We suggest that he get in touch with Mr. William Bouldin 3rd, 169 Prospect Street, East Orange, N.J., as we believe he is interested in forming a unit. Any other fans who live in the vicinity of Newark and care to join the I.G.M.A.A. should also contact Mr. Bouldin.

The Eastern States Contest will be held at Hadley Field, N.J. August 12th.

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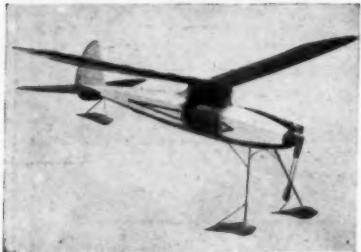
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Prepare the metal motor mount from half-inch angle duraluminum. Also make the landing gear fittings, tail skid and tail mount fittings out of duraluminum. After assembling these to the fuselage the structure will be ready for covering.

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### Tail Unit

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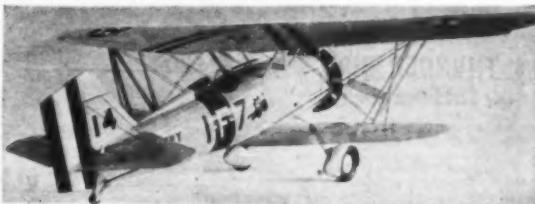
### Air Ways

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an unusually "natty" little ship. Norris Malphy of Buffalo, New York, is responsible for this one. It is the Payne Knight Twister, plans of which he drew up from pictures and other data. One would have to look twice in order to determine that this ship was not a gas powered model. It is very realistic and this young man evidently knows how to build biplanes, for he has kept the area of the wings down to a minimum. In such ships the chord should be reduced and the wing span made quite large. You will notice that the gap between the wings is apparently excessive. However this is perfectly correct for this type of model as it not only gives greater efficiency but it adds to the stability and looks.

Picture No. 4 might well be taken for a photograph of a full scale ship. Actually it is a solid scale model of a Fleet, built by Stanley Orzeck of 1 Morton Street, Framingham, Mass. It was made from plans appearing in MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS, the details of which enabled him to do a good job. All cockpit details are included in

the outlines of the nose on a piece of 3/32" plywood and cut to shape with a coping saw, gluing them between the longerons. The 1/8" plywood firewall is

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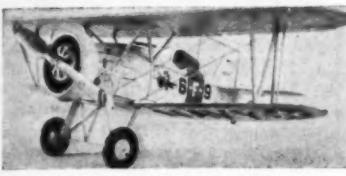
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the plane and the engine is carefully built up. Ozreck wishes us to give a message to other boys in the neighborhood of Boston, as he believes they may have a hard time to find a suitable flying field. He says:

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"I was talking with the owner of the field and he is only too willing to let modelers use the field if they behave properly and do not drive cars out on the field during this time of the year. If any model builders are interested in the field I would appreciate it if they got in touch with me."

In picture No. 5 we see what David L. Alexander, Jr. of Aiken, South Carolina, P.O. Box 290, thinks a modern fighter should look like. Previous to modifications this plane was a model of the Hughes racer. However Alexander got his originality operating and substituted twin rudders for single, cut down the fuselage length and added a cabin for the rear gunner. Three machine guns are located out-

side the propeller arc in each wing. A small cannon is supposed to fire through the propeller shaft, when the ship is equipped with a single blade propeller. This is certainly a snappy looking job and in full scale, is good enough to adorn any country's air force. Alexander is Air Ways Club member No. 107.

We cannot let a month go by without printing a typical example of fine workmanship, which usually consists of the uncovered framework of a plane. In picture No. 6 you see Joe Oliver's Boeing 314 Clipper. It has a span of 47 inches and will be covered with sheet balsa. It is being built from Boeing blueprints and so far has required about 150 hours of work. Don Wallace, a friend of Oliver's, is also making a model of the same ship. Oliver lives at 750 North Prospect Street, Kent, Washington.

It does not require a very keen perception to see that model airplanes are providing a complete airplane construction course to young men. If anyone has a more constructive hobby than model airplane building to suggest, we wish they would write us "special delivery" immediately: We have been looking for such a hobby for over ten years and as yet haven't found it; perhaps you can.

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**Model News from Other Countries  
England**

We have a letter from Stanley E. Leach of 131 Abercromby Avenue, High Wycombe, Bucks, England, who sends us picture No. 7. He says this is his first duration model, which he built some time ago. The best flight it has made is 2 minutes, 19 seconds. Its wing span is 40 inches and has a total weight of 8 1/2 ounces with 12 yards of 1/4" rubber. Mr. Leach says that now he has under construction a "Tetse Fly," which he is building from plans in the June 1938 issue of MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS. He also tells us that the record duration flight of his club is 9 minutes, 5 seconds.

**CLUB NEWS****Ohio**

R. Duane Hill of 1206 Marcy Street, Akron, Ohio, secretary and publicity chairman of the Edith Van Orman Junior Chapter of the N.A.A., says that apparently there has been no past information given out through the magazine concerning his club. He wishes to call the attention of other model builders to the fact that there will be a state-wide Scripps Howard elimination contest in preparation for the finals which take place the first part of September. On October 14 and 15 another contest will be held. On November 4th the last club contest of the year will take place. An indoor contest on December 9th will finish up the year. Hill continues:

"Besides these scheduled contests we fly every Sunday at the Akron airport. This serves as weekly club get-togethers; which get-togethers are chiefly composed of test hops and 'gab'—'Gab' rating the highest and taking most of the time.

"We extend the heartiest invitation to all model builders to write to us and we will be very pleased to give any information desired concerning the Scripps Howard finals. They may write me at the above address."

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The Work Progress Administration has been quite active in model plane building and recently they have gotten out a new W.P.A. Manual Aid to Model Plane Beginners. Those who would like to obtain this booklet or any other information concerning W.P.A. model activity, should write to Mr. A. W. vonStruve, Chief, Data Section, W.P.A., 1734 New York Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. This booklet contains suggestions on organization, list of model building tools and materials and the different types of planes used in competitive meets.

**Maryland**

William W. Saunders of the Baltimore Model Airplane Association, 4303 Kathland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, writes and sends us information concerning this club. He says:

"The Second Annual Contest sponsored by the Baltimore Model Airplane Assoc. is scheduled for July 30th. We expect over 100 entries in both rubber and gas events. The contest runs from 10:00 to 5:00 with special features on the hour. The contest promises to be a real 'Air Show' with more than just duration flying. The meet will

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## Pennsylvania

Victor R. Fritz, field director of the Philadelphia Model Aeroplane Association, writes:

The Flying Keystone Model Airplane Club, Chapter 12, will sponsor the greatest outdoor model airplane program ever organized in the Lehigh Valley. This program will consist of ten meets at the Allentown-Bethlehem Airport. Five of these meets will be that of gas models, while the

other five will consist of rubber powered models. The officers are as follows: Elwood Matten, President; William Barba, Vice-President; Harland Bright, Secretary; Russell Fahringer, Treasurer; Ernest Schaffhauser, Director.

## NOTICES

Mr. A. C. Appel of 2617 Shenandoah Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, sends out a call for help. He says he has been trying for five years to obtain the January, February, March, August, December 1931 issues of MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS.

## Schools

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education. At present he is engaged in giving a series of nation-wide lectures, as well as carrying on experimental flights. These flights serve to introduce many young men and women to the art of flying. To date Col. Williams has talked to about 25,000 people. This activity is part of a plan sponsored by "The Reader's Digest," who, in this way, is endeavoring to do its bit toward preparedness.

**Correspondents**

Here we have an appeal from a young man in far-off Australia: Mr. A. Grieve of 28 Langridge Street, Fairfield Park N20, Victoria, Australia, wants to know if some young man about 15 or 16 years old who is interested in model building, will correspond with him. He has many experiences and much data which he has accumulated from experiments about which he can tell. Here is a chance for some model builder.

**Originality Contest**

Mr. David L. Alexander Jr. of Aiken, S.C., wins the Originality Contest for this month. The winning plane is shown in pictures No. 8 and No. 9. In picture No. 9 the little model of the Douglass is not part of the winning ship, as it appears to be.

There are many unique things about this model which are not apparent at first glance. First of all, Alexander is correct on what is required of a high performance pursuit plane. Of primary importance is maneuverability, and the whole character of the ship is significant of this quality: The wings are very close to the C.G.; the engine is right over the center of lift. This fact enables any plane to maneuver swiftly and precisely. Aerodynamically it has unusually clean lines and with the pusher type propeller the model should respond beautifully.

Alexander has incorporated in this ship a type of landing gear which is used on the latest Bell pursuit job. This is the only thing which we can criticise, though it has been put into actual practice on army planes. Frankly, your editor doesn't believe that this type of landing gear will prove to be satisfactory in high speed craft which, of necessity, must occasionally land on rough ground. Perhaps you can visualize the result of the slender front landing gear strut and wheel coming into contact with some soft ground or even a small bump. If this collapses during a landing which is necessarily at high speed it will be "just too bad," as the ship will immediately assume the functions of a groundhog and probably would require a steamshovel to unearth it after it got through burrowing its nose into the ground. On the regular type of landing gear this cannot occur even if the landing gear should collapse: The plane wouldn't nose into the ground but would pancake on the belly of the fuselage.

We do not hold Alexander responsible for making what we believe is an error in his design. He has had plenty of example in full size craft to draw from, and has only been following their lead. This is the only point which we see in which he has not been original. Nevertheless it is not sufficient to rob him of the award, as in other respects his craft is exceedingly outstanding and excellent in design.

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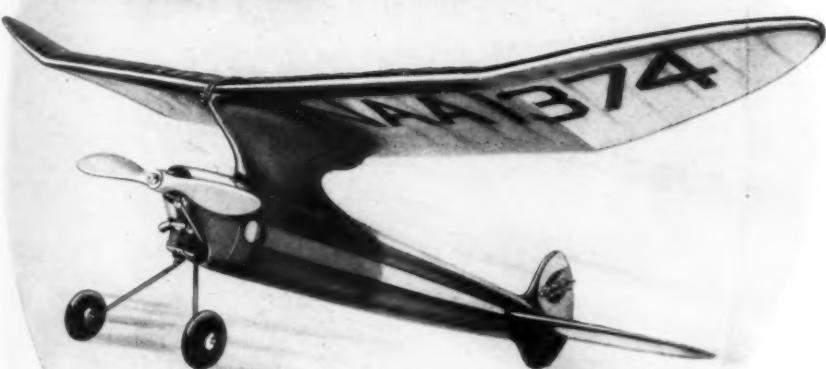
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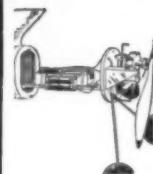
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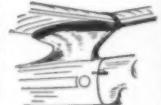
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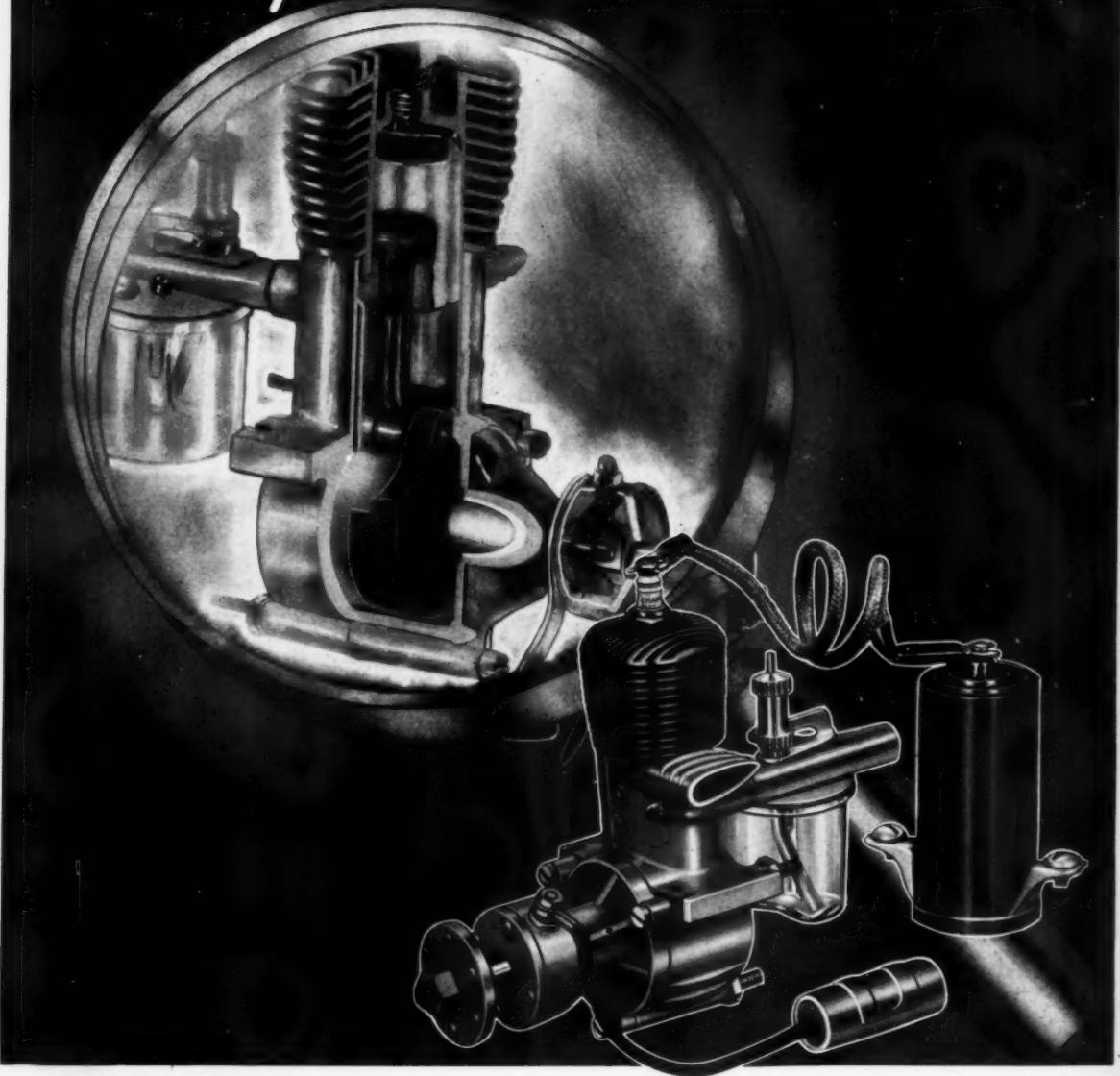
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